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HANKOW DEFENCE.

Russian General Making Stand.

"NOTHING TO CAPTURE."

Hankow, June 30.
General Gallen, military advisor to the Hankow party, is reported to be making preparation for the defence of Hankow against the Nationalist expedition which General Chiang Kai-shek is stated to be organising, in addition to his renewal of operations against the North.

MOSCOW AND CHINA.

Bukharin's Idle Talk About Traitors.

Moscow, June 30.
Writing in the "Pravda," M. Bukharin, analysing the situation in China, points out that in spite of the strengthened position of the Nanking Government as a result of the alliance with Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, the Wuhan Government is carrying on the struggle to rid itself of traitors within the Kuomintang, and the Nationalist Government and the loosening of the powerful workers and peasants movement.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Shanghai, June 30.

Reports from Tsinanfu show that the Nationalist advance on Shantung is progressing and that the Northerners are retreating along the Tientsin-Pukow railway to Yenchow, endeavouring to consolidate their position on the Chieh-Ho River south of Yenchow in order to hold up Chiang Kai-shek's troops who have appeared fifteen miles south-west of the region of the Grand Canal.

The Defence Line.

Peking, June 30.
The third and fourth Fengtien armies are transferring from the Yellow River front to Tsangchow, sixty miles south of Tientsin for the purpose of strengthening the defence line and establishing themselves between Tsangchow and Paoing-fu.—Reuter.

POLICE RESERVE.

INTERNATIONAL COMPANY APPROVED.

It has been decided to form an International Company of the Hong Kong Police Reserve open to all nationalities except those belonging to Companies already formed or in process of formation (i.e., Chinese, Indian and Portuguese). Service will be of one year's duration, and the intention is to have always in readiness a body of trained, uniform men to assist the regular Police Force in the case of emergency.

Training will comprise simple squad and arms drill and a series of lectures on police work. British, American, Scandinavian and other nationals interested are invited to apply to the Adjutant for particulars, to call personally at his office at Police Headquarters on any week day between 9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

STILL SHOWERY.

The official local weather forecast for Friday, July 1, 1927, is: "south east wind, moderate; showery."

PARIS AGAIN!

Byrd Safely Crosses The Atlantic.

COURSE KEPT BY WIRELESS.

Cherbourg, June 30.
Throughout the flight Commander Byrd kept in wireless communication with the land and ships which gave him his bearings.

Lands Near Paris.

London, July 1.

Commander Byrd has landed at Issy near Paris.—Reuter.

Earlier News.

Chatham, Mass., June 30.

A radio message has been picked up signed by Commander Byrd stating that the airman have seen neither land nor water since four o'clock yesterday afternoon, on account of the dense fog and clouds covering an enormous area.—Reuter's American Service.

A Tour of Europe.

Paris, June 30.

Chamberlin and Levine arrived at Le Bourget by air from Switzerland and were welcomed by their wives with large bouquets, also by the American Charge d'Affaires, the French authorities and cinematographers.

The airman arrived just in time to attend the inauguration of a granite memorial to Captain Lindbergh's landing at Le Bourget.—Reuter.

Pacific Flight.

Wheelerfield, June 30.

The squadron of aeroplanes sent out to meet Maitland, failed to find him with the result that his monoplane arrived alone.

The airman was welcomed by the Governor and Admiral John Macdonald and a number of other dignitaries and native emblems of greeting.

The airman were very hungry as they were unable to find their coffee and sandwiches carried by the plane.—Reuter's American Service.

Not to Fly Back.

Washington, June 30.

The war department has decided that Maitland and Hegenberger are not to fly back to the United States. The plane will be left at Hawaii for flights between the islands as it is of a type much needed there.—Reuter's American Service.

PEAK TRAM.

NEW RULES PASSED UNDER ORDINANCE.

Additional rules made by the Governor in Council under the Peak Tramway Ordinance are as follows:

No passenger carriage shall be used on the tramway, or continued in use, unless and until the inner faces of the brake jaws are roughened by chisel cross cuts.

The inner faces of the brake jaws of the passenger carriages shall be subjected to careful examination by the Superintendent Engineer at least once a week. If from any cause the roughened surface has become smooth such faces shall be re-roughened in manner aforesaid before the carriage is again used on the tramway.

The cause of smoothing shall be ascertained and removed if practicable.

The faces of the centre rail, where the gradient exceeds 1 in 3, shall be roughened by chisel cross cuts; the roughened faces shall be treated with a coating of tar applied whilst hot.

The roughened faces of the centre rail shall be subjected to a careful examination by the Superintendent Engineer at least once a week; any smoothing shall be remedied as soon as practicable by re-roughening in manner aforesaid and by again treating with a coating of tar applied whilst hot. The cause of smoothing shall be ascertained and removed if practicable.

VIOLENT 'QUAKE.

HEAVY DAMAGE IN THE CRIMEA.

Moscow, June 30.

There has been a violent earthquake in the Crimea. Considerable damage appeared in buildings in the cities and there have been big landslides in the mountains. At Simois the "Monk Rock" has fallen into the sea. A former palace of the Khans of Bahchisarai has been considerably damaged. There have been no casualties.—Reuter.

MILLIGAN LOSES.

Badly Battered By Walker.

FIGHT STOPS IN 10TH ROUND.

London, June 30.
A large crowd at Olympia watched the weighing in of Walker and Milligan for to-night's fight for the world's middleweight championship. Both were well inside the weight.



The fight began at 9.46 p.m. Walker rushed in and scored with a left and a right. Milligan, with a couple of lefts, opened Walker's eye wound.

In the second round Milligan with a left and a right to Walker's head caused him to half slip. On his rising Milligan thrice scored to the chin without response.

Milligan set the pace and was clever and elusive. He was ahead on points at the end of the fourth round.

Walker beat Milligan in the fifth round.

Walker landed a heavy blow on the jaw in the fifth round.

The referee, in the sixth, cautioned both for holding. Milligan

seems also to point to the fact that Britain's representative was more or less "out."

Walker, whose picture (a new one) appears on this page, apparently took the fight very seriously, and in no way discounted the worth of his Scottish opponent, a habit into which so many champions fall until they meet a better man. When he arrived in London he said: "This is my first visit to Great Britain, and I am not worried about the climate, and of course it will not be my fault if I lose. What you can be certain of is that the spectators will see a fight." And, it seems, they certainly did!

For going to England to defend his title Walker was guaranteed £23,000, the largest reward ever paid to a pugilist in Europe.

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Attendance figures and other details such as the number of rounds agreed upon, etc., have not been granted, but it may be taken for granted that on Thursday night there were more people at Olympia than ever before. By using every inch of available space, accommodation for 13,000 spectators was provided. Every seat was reserved, and prices of admission ranged from £1 to £10, the latter being for ringside places.

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SHOT AS A SPY.

Moscow Terror Claims Woman Victim.

Moscow, June 30.

A woman named Helen Vishnevskaya, accused of spying for Poland, was sentenced to death at Kharkov and shot forthwith.—Reuter.

made a twohanded onslaught but Walker retaliated severely with blows to head and body. He thrice scored to the head.

Milligan was down for two counts of eight in the seventh round from right and left hooks.

Milligan scored a left to the jaw in the eighth but was down twice for seven in the ninth.

Then in the tenth Walker scored with a terrific right to the jaw.

The referee had reached counting eight when the towel was thrown in.

Terribly Battered.

In a titanic struggle Milligan flattered his supporters up to the fifth round. He showed terrific speed and his blows seemed to have plenty of power behind them.

In the sixth round, however, his deliveries became rather wild and he left himself open. Walker, seizing the opportunity to shake him with left and right hooks.

Thereafter the American, hitting with tremendous power, made Milligan a chopping block, but the Scot continued to fight with indomitable spirit until, terribly battered with blood gushing from his mouth, he was lifted from the canvas.—Reuter.

A Surprise.

"Stalwart" writes:—Tommy Milligan's defeat at the hands of Mickey Walker, who thus retains the world's middleweight championship, will come as a surprise to many followers of the Noble Art, particularly so when the method of it is considered. From the meagre cables published above it appears that the Scots lad was simply outpunched from the fifth round onward, although we are told he was leading well on points up to the end of the fourth. We all know Milligan for a dour and "never-say-die" fighter, so it must be taken that he was in a bad way. In the tenth round when the towel came floating from his corner. The referee having reached the eighth second

COAST STRIKE.

Attempts to Bridge The Gulf.

A NOTE OF OPTIMISM.

Although of opinion that it is too soon yet after the final breach for events so to have shaped themselves as to be favourable to the immediate ending of the deadlock between the China Navigation Company and their officers regarding the ten per cent. reduction in pay, an official of the striking Officers' Guild when seen by a "China Mail" representative this morning was optimistic as to a comparatively early settlement.

Every effort is being made, he said, to arrive at a solution which would be compatible with the officers' case and bridge the acute difference as to its merits, which has led to the strike.

In the meantime, it is the intention of the officers (providing the Company is agreeable) to maintain as many of their number on board as may be required for the discharge of cargo or to take control in an emergency, such as the approach of a typhoon or the taking of the ship into Dock for necessary repairs.

It is also essential, if the ships' engines are to be properly cared for and guarded against possible interference, that competent men should be regularly on duty for inspection purposes.

It is understood that both the Guild and the Company regard the strike as in the nature of a domestic dispute and, as no essential public service has been paralysed, it is not the intention to issue statements to the Press. Such statements, it is considered, might be open to misinterpretation by those members of the public unacquainted with the facts of the case.

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STRANGE DEATH.

Spectacular Financier's Dealings.

STOCK EXCHANGE PANIC.

London, June 30.
There has been a sensation on the Stock Exchange owing to the confusion arising out of the sudden death in mysterious circumstances yesterday of James White, the former bricklayer, one of the most spectacular financiers of the century, whose gigantic multi-million operations ranged from land trusts and theatres to efforts to corner large industrial companies' shares.

The shares of all the companies in which he was interested have fallen heavily, especially British Controlled Oilfields, in which he is reported to have been committed to the extent of £1,000,000.

The Westminster Bank has applied for a receivership in the Beecham Trust, of which White was the Chairman, which is indebted to the Bank for over £450,000.

Scores of White's followers are faced with ruin owing to the resultant slump.

The financier was found dead in his home with an empty chloroform bottle at the bedside.

He left a note saying: "Good-bye and good luck."—Reuter.

Confidence Returning.

Later.

Nervousness on the Stock Exchange in the morning owing to White's death was followed by a slightly more confident feeling, partly attributed to the fact that no financial difficulties among members were revealed during the day.

The return of confidence is reflected in the improvement of the quotations of most of the securities principally affected by the late financier's death.

James White has four lines only in "Who's Who," where he is described as Managing Director of the Beecham Trust, Ltd., and Chairman of George Edwards (Daly's Theatre), Ltd. He was born at Rochdale in 1878. His address was 21, Park Street, Mayfair, W.1.

PUBLIC MONEY.

HONG KONG'S FINANCIAL POSITION.

A credit balance of \$4,474,923.41 on February 31 is revealed in the latest statement of the Colony's financial position. According to today's "Government Gazette," the balance of assets and liabilities on February 28 was \$4,224,587.16, and the revenue from March 1 to 31 was \$1,689,742.94, making a total of \$5,914,330.10. The expenditure during the same period was \$1,439,406.68, leaving a balance of \$4,474,923.41.

Assets.

Subsidiary Coins ... \$1,802,167.43

Advances ... 278,346.84

Building Loans ... 1,701,059.23

Imprest ... 68,897.05

House Service Account ... 9,338.55

Unallocated Stores, (P.W.D.) ... 355,298.69

Unallocated Stores, (Railway) ... 175,847.11

Investment Account ... 1,223,194.80

Lorry Haulage Account ... 7,876.69

Balance at Banks ... 1,509,009.11

Total ... \$6,921,021.40

Liabilities.

Deposits not Available \$1,372,462.97

Coal Account ... 15,481.50

Postal Agencies ... 13,957.78

Suspense Account ... 627,200.18

Crown Agents Current Account ... 49,280.50

Adjustment of Exchange Account ... 367,715.66

Total Liabilities ... 2,446,097.69

Balance ... 4,474,923.41

Total ... \$6,921,021.40

A comparative statement of the Colony's revenue and expenditure for the period ended March 31 gives the following returns:—

Estimates for 1927—\$21,007,397; revenue from March 1 to 31—\$1,689,742.94; revenue for same month of preceding year—\$1,662,784.68; actual revenue to March 31—\$4,953,183.38; and revenue for same period of previous year—\$4,869,668.19.

Expenditure.

Estimates for 1927—\$22,314,402; expenditure from March 1 to 31—\$1,436,406.68; expenditure for the same month of the preceding year—\$1,559,478.50; actual expenditure to March 31—\$3,994,650.54; and expenditure for same period of the previous year—\$4,516,668.34.



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PORT-GLASGOW.

WHEN GREENOCK PLAYED SECOND FIDDLE.

In view of Greenock's fight for the annexation of Port-Glasgow and Gourock, it is interesting to note (writes "J. D." in the "Glasgow Evening News"), from Chamberlayne's *Magnae Britanniae Notitia* (1726), the relative importance of these places 200 years ago.

Under the heading "Shire of Renfrew" it is stated:—"The convenience of the Firth of Clyde, the coast whereof is all very safe for ships to ride in, has caused great improvements in these parts. At the West-End of a fair bay stands Gourock (Gourock) town and castle belonging to Sir John Shaw, Bart., where there is a good road and a harbour lately fitted up. More inward stands Greenock, a well-built town and a good harbour in hewn-stone, belonging to Sir John Shaw, Bart., one of the most considerable upon all that coast;

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the chief seat of the herring-fishing in the West Seas, where the Royal Company of Fishermen have built a House for the convenience of Trade. Near this Place is Crawford Dyke (Cartdyke), where good houses are lately built; and a little more to the South (sic) Newwork (Newark), where the Town of Glasgow has built a new port and named it Port-Glasgow, with a large Public-House. Here is the Custom-House for all this Coast, and the Town of Glasgow has obliged the Merchants to load and unload here."

Custom House Staff.

The staff at the Port-Glasgow Custom House is said to have consisted of one Surveyor-General with an annual salary of £350, and 54 subordinate officials whose salaries ranged from £200 to £35—in all, 55 persons with an annual salary list amounting to £2,120, while the subordinate branch at Greenock (according to Chamberlayne) was carried on by one Surveyor-General at £150 and six boatmen at £20 each per annum. A later authority, however, states that the first Customs officials at Greenock consisted of 1 tide surveyor, 3 land waiters, 7 tide waiters, 6 boatmen and 1 weigher. The population of Greenock in 1726 was probably just about twice the 1,400 credited to Port-Glasgow at that time, and the "good Harbour of Hewn Stone" so attracted trade to the town that it gradually eclipsed the "wee Port" and became the central area for the Customs and Excise business of the district.

Harbour Debt.

This is the harbour, the debt on which the good folks of Greenock are said to have extinguished by copious libations of malt liquor, the inhabitants having subjected themselves "to an assessment of 1s. 4d. sterling on each sack of malt brewed within the limits of the town, in order to defray the cost of construction." The population of Gourock 200 years ago was inconsiderable; but they claim to have produced the first red herring there!

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

South Wall Basin, Aphis: East Wall Basin, Subs. L15 and L19; West Wall Dock, Vindictive, Wishart and Marazion; In Dock, Wanderer and Subs. L2 and L3; Taikoo Dock, Foxglove; Kowloon Dock, Caradoc; Buoy 1, Hermes; Buoy 3, Delhi; Buoy 4, Thracian; Buoy 5, Hawkins; Buoy 6, Froisher; Buoy 7, Dauntless; Buoy 8, Titania; Buoy 9, Ladybird; Buoy 10, Wolverine and Wild Swan; Buoy 11, Bruce and Sterling; Buoy 12, Skirmisher; Buoy 13, Robin and Cicalea; Buoy 18, Ruthenia; Buoy 19, U.S.S. Ruthenia; Buoy 20, U.S.S. Pruitt (on arrival); Buoy 22, Portuguese, Alamo; Buoy 25, Kharki; Buoy 24, H.S. Maine; Kowloon Anchorage, Fortol; Foreign Men-o-War, Patria (Portuguese), Adamastor (Portuguese), U.S.S. Pampana, U.S.S. Helena, U.S.S. Pruitt (expected), Argus (French).

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doberck during the years 1887, 1888, & 1889. The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

July 1 to 7, 1927.

| DATE | HIGH WATER | LOWER WATER |
|----------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| July | Standard Times | Standard Times |
| Fri. 1 | 5 53 7.5 10 39 5.5 | 3 13 3.1 8 25 0.3 |
| Sat. 2 | 6 10 2.1 11 23 7.1 | 3 48 3.1 8 44 0.5 |
| Sun. 3 | 6 21 3.3 11 34 8.3 | 4 25 3.5 9 53 0.8 |
| Mon. 4 | 6 32 4.5 11 45 9.5 | 5 06 3.9 10 44 1.2 |
| Tues. 5 | 6 43 5.7 11 56 10.7 | 5 47 4.3 11 35 1.6 |
| Wed. 6 | 6 54 6.9 12 7 11.9 | 6 28 4.7 12 26 2.0 |
| Thurs. 7 | 7 05 8.1 12 18 13.1 | 7 09 5.1 1 17 2.4 |

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TACOMA MARU Thursday, 14th July.
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| SEMPORNA | Arrival Thursday | " | 30 9 a.m. |
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| TAWAU | Arrival Friday | " | 1 noon |
| SANDAKAN | Departure Saturday | " | 2 3 a.m. |
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| NOVARA | 6,959 | 7th July | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| KASHGAR | 9,006 | 8th July | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| NYANZA | 7,023 | 8th July | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| TARA | 8,222 | 13th July | Shanghai, Kobe & Osaka |
| SANTHIA | 7,754 | 18th July | Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| RAVALPINDI | 16,619 | 22nd July | Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama |
| DEVANHA | 8,155 | 5th Aug. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| TANDA | 6,956 | 9th Aug. | Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama |
| MOREA | 10,553 | 19th Aug. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
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Arguments in favour of the employment of fast sailing ships with auxiliary motors on long voyages were presented by Captain Chr. Blom in a paper read at the spring meeting of the Institution of Naval Architects in London. In addition to the evident economy of sail power for cargo carrying where the element of time is not of prime importance, Captain Blom suggested that many tourists who now patronise the big passenger liners might prefer to travel on the full rigged ship if they could be assured of the same comforts as on the steamers. These accommodations, he added, could be provided at very little extra cost.

Auxiliary motors, Captain Blom said, could be fitted to assist in docking, in crossing the doldrums, and in beating up against a head wind, and the same motor could be employed to develop electrical power for working the sails, loading and unloading and for the various other purposes in which it was used on board the ordinary passenger and cargo vessel. In that way the crew carried could be considerably reduced, and advantage could be taken to train a number of apprentices for the ordinary mercantile marine posts.

The Ideal Design.

In order to investigate the most suitable form for such a vessel the author compared the resistances of his proposed design of a four-masted barque with those of three representative clipper ships and with one of the large modern steel sailing ships. He found that his ideal design should approximate more closely to the lines of the early clippers than the modern sailing ships did, and a number of diagrams were presented showing the variation of resistance with the speed.

In the design outlined in the paper the author contemplated arranging fifty separate and roomy outside cabins for first class passengers and spacious and well ventilated public rooms. With a dead weight of about 1,500 tons, the vessel would carry a crew of fifty-eight, twenty-five of whom would be apprentices. A motor of approximately 450 h.p. would drive the ship at a speed of 8½ knots in calm weather, and all auxiliaries would be motor driven.

"Initial Cost High."

Although the initial cost of a vessel would be high the author stated that such an innovation would soon become very popular and be able to command paying passenger rates. In comparing the financial results of a motor sailing ship of that type with a coal burning steamer of the same dead weight it was estimated that there was at present, in appropriate trades, little to choose between them, and that, although the steamer had already attained its maximum development, there were considerable possibilities of improving the sailing ship.

"Some Criticisms."

During the discussion of the paper, Mr. Walter Stewart expressed the belief that results obtained from a motordriven sailing ship would not be appreciably better than those recorded of the Thermopylae, and such a vessel would be worked very largely at an uneconomic speed. The value of the sailing ship, however, for the training of young seamen in a way which could not be obtained otherwise was to be encouraged.

Sir John Biles pointed out that the average speed of the average sailing ship, as proved by investigation, was three knots, while that of the tramp steamer was nine knots. That was a sufficient reason why the sailing ship had been beaten by the tramp ship. He did not believe, moreover, that people would be induced to go to sea in a ship 300 feet long when they could sail in a ship 600 or 900 feet long.

RECORD DISCHARGE.

Another record has been established in the discharge of woodpulp at the port of Preston. The steamer "Thyra," with a cargo of 2,713 tons of woodpulp from Stugsund, Sweden, docked on the afternoon tide of Friday, April 22, her discharge, with four cranes, which were worked throughout, commenced at 8 a.m. on Saturday, the 23rd, and finished at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, the 26th, thus taking 17 working hours to discharge the whole of the cargo. Of this quantity, 1,411 tons were discharged in eight hours on Monday, the 25th, which is a record for one day's work, the previous highest total discharged in one day being 1,812 tons. After discharge the "Thyra" took in 287 tons of bunkers, and sailed on the p.m. tide of Tuesday, the 26th, so that her stay in the port only occupied four days, which included a week-end.

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| Tiau via Swatow & S'hai | YATSHING | Wed., 8th July, at 10 a.m. |
| Straits & Calcutta | NAMSANG | Fri., 8th July, at 3 p.m. |
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| Tiau via Swatow & S'hai | KWONGSANG | Sun., 10th July, at 10 a.m. |
| Tientsin | CHIPSING | Mon., 11th July, at 5 p.m. |
| Tiau via Swatow & Shanghai | HOPSANG | Wed., 13th July, at 10 a.m. |
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|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
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| North River at Tsingyue | + 23'7" | 0' | + 9.1 | falling |
| North River at Samshui | + 27'3" | 5' | + 9.9 | + 8.9 |
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NOTHING NEW.

CIGAR-SHAPED DESIGN.

It is wonderful how ship design, even the most freakish idea, goes round in circles, for now Senor Ettore Bugatti, whose racing motor cars are known all the world over, comes forward with a design for an express motorship that will cross Atlantic. She is only to be 80 feet long, with a 10 feet beam, and travels half under the water. The crux of the matter, however, is that she is to be cigar-shaped, and one cannot help remembering how Winan claimed the same wonderful speed for his cigar ship, which was the nine-days' wonder of her time. Yet the idea is as old as the hills. In 1837, the "Cigar" was built for service on the Clyde, to run between Glasgow, Greenock and Gourock, with passengers, and a wonderful speed was claimed for her. Not only was she a failure as regards comfort, but she was an absolute failure as regards speed, so that she was laid aside at the end of the season. She, however, was only a modification of the cigar design.

The "Helen," which was built in the United States by one Burden, was also intended for high speed, and she again was an absolute failure. But it was Winan, of Baltimore, who really did his best for the cigar-ship scheme, building his first one in 1858, a revolutionise trans-Atlantic navigation. She was a failure, but she was useful for experimenting, and in 1864 he came to London to build his famous ship at Millwall, getting Mr. Hepworth to help him with the technical design. The ship then built was 256 feet overall by 16 feet beam, displacing about 500 tons. Steel was used considerably in her construction, and she was literally a cigar. Her deck was merely the arc of a circle on which stanchions were riveted to carry a platform which offered scant accommodation for her passengers. He hoped to get 26 knots out of her with a three-cylinder engine driving a single eight-bladed screw at either end of the ship and developing 2,500 indicated horse-power at 150 lbs. pressure.

She was an utter failure, as were also two or three other ships built to the same design, and they lay rusting at Southampton Water year after year until in 1897 the two remaining ones were sold, the "Walter Scott Winan" for £190, and the "Ross Winan" for £210, going to a Bristol shipbreaker. Mr. Bugatti certainly has a depressing precedent.

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| July 19 | San Francisco | Leviathan | Aug. 20 | Chgo-Chmpta Aug. 26 |
| July 27 | Seattle | Aquatica | Aug. 24 | Chgo-Chmpta Aug. 30 |
| Aug. 3 | San Francisco | Maestas | Sept. 3 | Chgo-Chmpta Sept. 9 |
| Aug. 10 | Seattle | Berengaria | Sept. 6 | Chgo-Chmpta Sept. 12 |
| Aug. 16 | San Francisco | Olympic | Sept. 17 | Chgo-Chmpta Sept. 23 |
| Aug. 24 | Seattle | Berengaria | Sept. 21 | Chgo-Chmpta Sept. 27 |
| Aug. 30 | San Francisco | Komete | Oct. 1 | Chgo-Chmpta Oct. 7 |
| Sept. 7 | Seattle | Aquatica | Oct. 5 | Chgo-Chmpta Oct. 11 |
| Sept. 13 | San Francisco | Maestas | Oct. 15 | Chgo-Chmpta Oct. 21 |
| Sept. 21 | Seattle | Leviathan | Oct. 23 | Chgo-Chmpta Oct. 29 |

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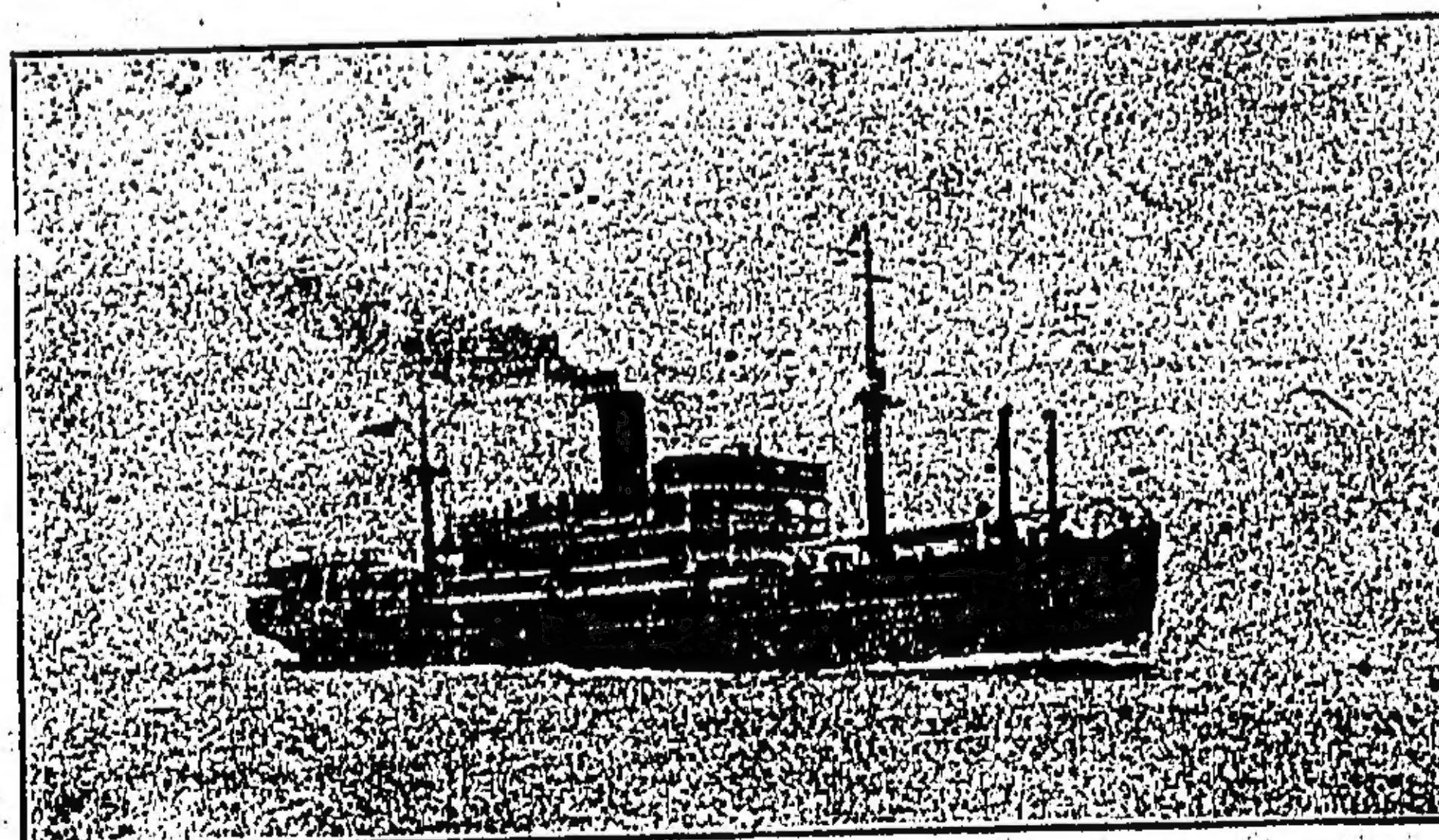
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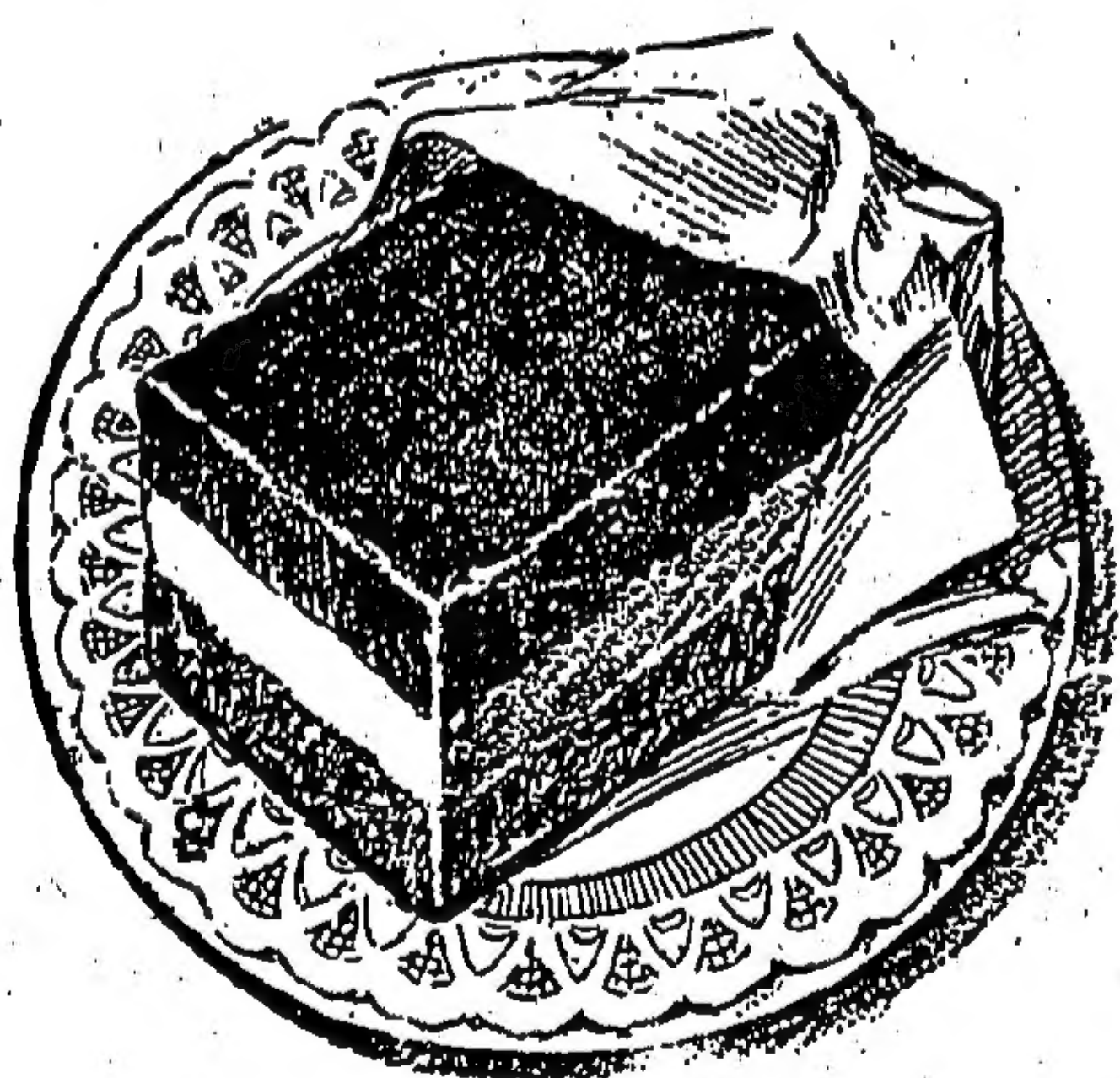
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IN TIME OF TROUBLE.

The announcement published to-day to the effect that the Captain Superintendent of Police is inviting applications for membership in an International Company of the Hong Kong Police Reserve is an interesting and important one. It allows residents other than British who earn their livelihood here and have a stake in the Colony to participate in its protection by assisting the regular forces to maintain good order should the occasion arise. In opening the ranks to other nationals the Government has, naturally, agreed to dispense with the application of the Oath of Allegiance to such recruits who are not British. These, it is understood, will be asked to make a declaration that they will abide by the terms of the Police (Special) Ordinance. British recruits will be "sworn in" as is the case with Volunteers. Service in the International Company, both for British and others, will be for one year, and the training, as indicated in these columns on Tuesday last, will take the form of simple squad and arms drill and a series of eight lectures dealing with the ordinary activities of the police officers in the Colony.

If anything, in our recent observations on the training course we made the curriculum read on the drastic side. Rifle and revolver practice will form part of the preliminary training, after which an appearance only at the range will be necessary. The course has been thoughtfully planned by people who know their business with the object of turning out men qualified to a set standard as quickly as possible and with as little "red tapism" as possible. We are assured that there will be no unnecessary parades and that once a man has passed out in ordinary squad and arms drill and has thoroughly digested his lectures on police work (individual instruction books are being provided) there will be no further call upon his services until and unless circumstances necessitate

such a call. There is no assurance yet, however, from the C.S.P. that Reservists who do not come up to scratch will not be hauled before a Magistrate! Such an eventuality, at any rate, is unlikely.

For the man who is keen and who considers he has not enough to do as a Police Reservist the authorities are planning additional activities, all of an interesting nature and all, of course, voluntary. Details in this connection will be furnished by the Adjutant to individual applicants for membership. The whole idea behind the Police Reserve, it seems to us, is to furnish a reliable body of men, trained and uniformed, who will be ready to fall into their places beside the standing forces in times of emergency, when, of course, the regular Police would have all resources taxed to the utmost.

Garden Squares.

London has many charms. Not the least of these are its garden squares, oases in the bustling city, where the green foliage offers a pleasant contrast to the uniform grey of drab buildings, and where memories still linger of Dickens and Thackeray. In recent years, however, some of these garden squares have been sold for building purposes, and a Royal Commission has now been set up to inquire into the whole question. The work of the Royal Commission will be directed towards preserving these garden squares, and every lover of London will hope that this work will be crowned with success. The Commission's findings, when they are published, should prove of not a little interest to Hong Kong, though here, it must be added with regret, the problem is not so much one of preserving garden squares as of creating them. Presumably the town planning scheme worked out for Kowloon some years ago makes ample provision for such "lungs," but the city of Victoria can hardly claim a single open space, for we must except the once so-called "finest site," and the cricket ground, the one as being unsuitable and the other as being closed to the general public. There are, of course, the Botanical Gardens and Happy Valley, but these are both outside strictly city limits, and can only be enjoyed after the working day is over. The need for city lungs has been acute for many years, and while it is difficult to advance any practical suggestion, one may be permitted to hope that the matter is not entirely beyond remedy.

To-day's "Government Gazette" publishes a despatch from the Secretary of State for Colonies regarding pension claims by persons outside the United States. In a number of recent cases of pension claims by British subjects resident outside the United States, documents forwarded to His Majesty's Embassy at Washington for submission to the United States authorities as evidence in support of the claims have not been authenticated and considerable delay in reaching them for completion. His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington has pointed out that mere declarations or sworn statements made before a Notary Public or Commissioner of Oaths, without a certificate from a public authority as to his competence, cannot be legalised at His Majesty's Embassy at Washington, and are not accepted as valid evidence by the United States pension authorities.

VISCOUNT OR BARON?

REFUSAL TO PAY FEES FOR
TITLE.

FAMOUS SOLDIER'S ATTITUDE.

London, June 14.
The newspapers reveal the fact that Viscount Byng refused to pay the fees involved by his elevation from the rank of Baron to that of Viscount.

The interesting point arises as to whether Viscount Byng can assume his Viscountcy.

It is further disclosed that the following Peers are among those whose fees were remitted by the State:—

The Earl of Oxford and Asquith, amount involved £755; the Earl of Balfour, £2,255; Viscount Chelmsford, £430; Viscount Lowther, £430; and Lord Oliver, Lord Thomson, Lord Arnold, and the Earl of Birmingham, £330 each.

(Viscount Byng, at Baron of Vimy and Thorpe le Soken, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., K.C.M.G., M.V.O., C.B., is one of the most distinguished British soldiers alive to-day.

For his services during the War he had a Viscountcy conferred upon him, and, in addition to being thanked officially by Parliament for his distinguished services, was granted an honorarium of £30,000.

His war career is so well known that it requires no recapitulation. Lately, however, Lord Byng has appeared prominently in the public eye because of two incidents: first, his refusal to pay the fees prescribed in connection with the conferment of the Viscountcy, and, secondly, because of an incident which happened during the visit of President Doumergue, of France, to London. The King and Queen tendered a Royal banquet to the distinguished visitor and the Viscount, among other distinguished Army Commanders, was invited to attend. Never a stickler for the panoply of war, Viscount Byng arrived at Buckingham Palace in civilian dress with his shirt front draped with the sashes of the Legion of Honour and the Order of the Bath, while on his coat shined medals of well-remembered decorations.

To his astonishment a Court official informed him that he was not atired in full dress, and therefore it would be impossible for him to attend the dinner. The great soldier perforce had to effect a masterly retreat and dine elsewhere, leaving Viscountess Byng to attend the banquet.]

£200 CLAIM.

A CHARGE OF PLAGIARISM

FALLS.

ASTRONOMER WINS CASE.

London, June 13.

A charge of plagiarism against the well-known astronomer, Professor H. H. Turner, was the basis of an action instituted by Mr. W. Rose Smith in the Oxford County Court, in which he claimed £200 damages.

He alleged that the offence was committed in a letter published in "The Times" on May 21, 1926, and a lecture delivered before the British Association last August.

He said that he sent a manuscript on astrophysics to the Royal Society, to which, after five months, the Royal Society had accepted, and that not a single copy of his work had been sold when it was published, as a result of the alleged plagiarism.

Plaintiff submitted that his work was most valuable, as he had discovered an error in Newton's Principia, and very grave omissions in all the succeeding works. These proofs of error and omission demonstrated that if Newton's theory were true, the planets would have exploded long ago with the centrifugal force.

Without calling for any defence, the Judge gave the verdict in favour of Professor Turner.

Plaintiff gave notice of his intention to appeal.

A LIMIT SET.

WOMEN UNDERGRADUATES
AT OXFORD.

London, June 14.

The Congregation at Oxford have decided, by 229 votes to 164, to limit the number of women undergraduates at the University to 620 among the four women's colleges, and have further decided that there shall henceforth be only one woman to four male undergraduates.

Miss Sara Margery Fry, Principal of Somerville College, vigorously opposed the proposals.

A GIFT TO BRITAIN.

HELPING TO REDUCE DEBT TO
AMERICA.

London, June 16.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Winston Churchill, in a statement, expressed Government's thanks to a gentleman born in England, but who has resided for 50 years in the United States, who sent the Chancellor £350 worth of bonds as a contribution towards the reduction of the British Debt to the United States.

The donor previously has sent three similar sums.

OBITUARY.

MRS. EVELYN DANENBERG
CASTRO.

FUNERAL HELD YESTERDAY.

The funeral took place yesterday of Mrs. Evelyn Danenberg Castro whose death at the Government Civil Hospital occurred on Wednesday.

Mrs. Castro was the wife of Mr. Alfred Castro, director of the Brunswick Orchestra, and was the daughter of Professor F. P. Danenberg. She was twenty-five years of age. In addition to the bereaved husband and father, there are five children to mourn her loss.

There was a large gathering at the graveside yesterday, when the funeral took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery. The chief mourners were Mr. A. Castro (husband), Mr. C. M. Castro (father-in-law), Mr. A. P. Castro, Mr. A. E. Castro, Mr. H. A. Castro and Mr. E. M. Castro (brothers-in-law) Mrs. E. M. Castro (sister-in-law) Mr. and Mrs. C. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. S. Hodge (brothers-in-law and sisters) and Dr. F. M. Graca Ozorio.

Floral Tributes.

Wreaths laid on the grave included the following:—From her sorrowing husband, mother, Norah and Ted, Bobby, David, and Patricia, Angeline, Nina, Kathleen, Bessie and Collin, Henry and Alda, Annie and Fernao, Molly and Chichi, Antoine and Kathleen, Dr. and Mrs. Graca Ozorio, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Franco, Jr., Vi and Wodge, Luis and Auntie, Uncle and Cousins.

Messrs. D. Hollands and L. McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gascon, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Kotewall, Mr. C. W. Cole, Mr. W. Ogley and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. d'Almada e Castro and family, Mr. G. K. Daroojar, Mrs. Arthur M. de Souza, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. M. R. de Sousa, Mr. and Mrs. Lau King-cho, Messrs. L. C. Wan and K. F. Tse, Mrs. Williams, Miss Ozorio, Mrs. Spalding and Mrs. Blandford, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hyndman, Mr. E. D. Shank and Nan, Mr. C. W. Dudley, Mr. F. J. B. P. da Silva, Mrs. M. Neves and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred A. Tavares, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Remedios and family, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Lang, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Goldenberg, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tavares, Mr. and Mrs. M. Franco, Mr. and Mrs. Anicet Becker, Mrs. C. Leonard and family, Mrs. T. F. O'Sullivan, Mr. C. W. Altree and the Members of the Choir of St. Margaret's Church.

A GANG'S THREATS.

EXPLOITING THE RETURNING
TRAVELLER.

Evidence was taken by Major C. Willson yesterday afternoon in the case in which five Chinese are charged with intimidation.

Four of the accused were alleged to have demanded money with threats from five returning emigrants from Java who arrived in the Colony by the J. C. J. L. s.s. "Tjikembang." The accused claimed that they had rented the space on the ship in which the complainants had placed their luggage and threatened if the complainants failed to pay for the use of this space, and if they employed anyone other than the accused themselves to carry the baggage ashore, they (the complainants) would be assaulted and their property thrown overboard. The police were informed, and detectives who went on board in the uniforms of J. C. J. L. employees, arrested the accused. The Company supplied coolies to carry luggage ashore free of charge, but these were scared off by certain gangs of rowdies like the accused. It was a common thing, according to Inspector Shafstain, for these gangsters to claim luggage spaces as their own and demand between 30 and 40 guilders from emigrants.

The fifth accused was arrested in the Police Station compound on Tuesday when he went up to threaten the complainants with death if they gave evidence against the four arrested men. He was immediately taken into custody and charged.

Inspector Shafstain said that there was some doubt as to the guilt of the fourth accused, and he was discharged. The others were convicted after corroborative evidence was heard. The first accused who appeared to be the leader was sentenced to three months' jail. The second and third received two months' hard labour each. The fifth man, whose case was taken separately, was sent to jail for four months.

PRAPS—PRAPS NOT!

Houdini, the "handcuff king," was a great reader, and left after him in his New York home fifteen thousand books, fifty thousand prints, half a million cuttings, and four tons of playbills.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald says that "the present Government will do the country much harm if it continues in power." Probably, also, it will continue in power for a few weeks, or years; as it isn't easy, even for chocolate Communists, to upset a majority of 200. Meantime, the country, which will be done so much harm to, seems to be resigned to its lot.

In imposing a fine of £20 at East Ham Police Court on a man accused of being drunk in charge of a motor cycle, the Chairman of the Bench, Mr. H. Osborn, said it was a serious matter, and people dreaded to cross the road when they saw a motor cycle.

Only the other day, he said, as he crossed the road he was assailed with the words, "Get out of the way, you doddering old fool!"

It is no unusual thing for a distinguished man on the eve of an important event in his life to be entertained, generally to a dinner, by his friends and admirers. But Arthur Bourbier, with characteristic originality, has reversed the process, and on the eve of his departure from London for a long tour of the dominions gave a luncheon party to those friends who had at one time or another, as he expressed it, "done him a good turn."

It was a graceful idea, which turned out, deservedly, an altogether delightful function. As the genial host remarked: "If it is true that you can judge a man by his friends, I must be a really fine fellow." For the "friends" made a very brilliant galaxy of rank, worth and talent, and all that is distinguished in politics, art and literature.

Little Mary had been naughty all day long, but the climax came when, just before tea, she calmly splashed her sister's frock with mud.

When her father came in he was told of his youngest daughter's misdeed. He looked very serious. "Look here, Mary," he said, "the next time you start throwing mud about you'll go off to bed without your supper!"

"H'm," remarked the erring child. "Thanks for the information. The next time I throw mud at Cissie I'll wait till after supper."

It was a dramatic moment in the play when, with fiery denunciation, the hard-hearted father was about to thrust his erring daughter out of the house for ever.

"What can I do? Where can I go?" cried the girl, throwing herself down, sobbing.

There was a tense silence. Then, amid the sobs, rose the shrill voice of a woman in the gallery—"Come home with me, lass!"

Porter—How would you like to sleep—head first or feet first?

Voyager—If it's all the same to you, I'll sleep at the same time.

One afternoon a stranger alighted from a train at a bustling town in the West, and headed up the street.

Finally he met a man who looked like a native.

"Pardon me," said the stranger, "are you a resident of this town?"

"Yes, sir," was the ready rejoinder of the other. "I have been here something like fifty years. What can I do for you?"

"I am looking for a criminal lawyer," responded the stranger.

"Have you one here?"

"Well," said the native reflectively, "we think we have, but we can't prove that he is."

"Do you think that the new motor-delivery business will ever displace the postman?" asked the conversational young man, when crossing the street of his companion.

"Certain to," returned the other nervously gazing down the street, "if it ever hits him."

The Sister—Captain Randall proposes in this letter. I wonder if he really loves me—he's only known me a week.

Her Brother—Oh, then, it's quite possible that he does.

Art—I'd like you to paint a portrait of my late uncle.

Artist—Bring him in.

Art—I said my late uncle.

Artist—Bring him in when he comes, then.

A girl fainted recently at the Zoo on hearing a lion roar. Some of our girls, says the "Passing Show," seem to be losing their manhood altogether.

Irate and intensely profane motorist: "Would you two fellows lend a hand to push this car to the next town?" Scan-dilled Tramp: "Not likely; but we don't mind walking in front with a red flag."

Man (at St. Albans): "The prisoner is my old college chum."

Barrister: "What college did you attend?"

"Borstal."

SMALLER NAVIES.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE'S AGREEMENT.

DESTROYER SPECIFICATIONS.

Geneva, June 30.
A communiqué states that the Technical Committee has reached a provisional agreement on the future construction of the so-called class "B" vessels, namely smaller auxiliary surface craft, including destroyers and flotilla leaders, under which it is unofficially learned that in the first category the destroyer class will be limited to 1,500 tons, with a speed limit of 20 knots and an age limit of 15 years.—Reuter.

Earlier Messages.

Geneva, June 30.
Mr. W. C. Bridgman interviewed by Reuter on the subject of naval parity expressed surprise at the insistence in the American Press, "even in other American minds," of the idea that the British proposals are a bid for supremacy. As to the refusal of the American claim for parity he pointed out that the British proposed nothing justifying such an idea. On the contrary if the British proposals were adopted the adjustment of the replacement tables would secure the principle of parity.

Britain's view of the present conference was that each nation has special needs and requirements for particular classes of ships. Britain frankly stated her own requirements but never denied the American claim to build equally if it was found necessary.—Reuter.

FILM STUDIO.

A BRITISH HOLLYWOOD AT WEMBLEY.

London, June 16.

The Palace of Engineering at Wembley, the largest covered concrete building in the world, and a prominent feature of the British Empire Exhibition together with other property totalling 35 acres, formerly part of the Exhibition grounds, has been sold to British film-producing interests, for £147,500.

The Palace will be used as a studio, and the gardens and lake, which are included in the purchase, for outdoor scenes.

The financial backer of the scheme is Mr. Rupert Mason, a Lancashire cotton manufacturer.

PLANTERS' CLUB.

MANY APPLICATIONS FROM INDIA.

London, June 15.

An Empire Planters' Club has been formed in London. The Provisional Committee includes Sir Colin Mackenzie and Colonel Hickman, with Mr. Kenneth Mackenzie, late Secretary of the Bihar Planters' Association, as Secretary.

It is understood that 524 Indian planters have applied for membership.

The Club will make special provision for members' wives.

CANCER SCOURGE.

FAMOUS SURGEON'S VIEW OF OPERATIONS.

London, June 14.

Dr. Holder, Surgeon of the Fulham Cancer Hospital, addressing a campaign meeting, said: "I am not sure that the whole treatment of cancer by operation is not in the melting-pot."

"I believe that we shall soon arrive at a point when the crude method of cutting out cancerous growths, which is not a cure in the true sense, will be a matter of the past."

EMPIRE DEFENCE.

NEW ZEALAND AND SINGAPORE.

Wellington, June 30.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Coates has informed a deputation from the Navy League that the question of New Zealand's contribution to the Singapore Naval Base will come before Parliament during the present session.

He hoped the proposal would be adopted unanimously. There would also be a proposal to increase the size of cruisers of the New Zealand Naval Station.—Reuter.

To-day's "Government Gazette" contains Admiralty regulations regarding the use of wireless telegraphy by foreign warships in the harbours of Great Britain and Ireland; also regulations regarding the use of wireless telegraphy, other than British, at Hong Kong.

JUDGES' MISTAKES.

SENDING VICTIMS OF DISEASE TO PRISON.

A FANTASTIC PROCEEDING.

Samuel Butler wrote a book in which he imagined a country where crime was regarded as a disease, a misfortune to be treated on scientific lines until the patient had recovered full use of his moral sense.

We appear to reverse this strange proceeding by one even more fantastic (writes a "Bar-rister-at-Law" in the "Sunday News"); for we treat disease as a crime, and consign the victim of sleepy sickness, for example, to hard labour instead of the hospital ward and the consulting room of the psychologist.

The other day a youth was sentenced at the Old Bailey to a term of imprisonment for theft "with such hard labour as he could perform."

Disease Born Crime. The tragic history of this youth was limited in from the witness-box by his mother. It was a strange story, one that told of the coming of that mysterious malady, sleepy sickness, to a bright, intelligent and dutiful boy, and the subsequent astonishing developments which transformed his character, sapping away his moral backbone, and leaving him the easy prey of every criminal impulse that gripped his disease-poisoned imagination.

Turn to the text-books on criminal law, and you will find no references to sleepy sickness. It is unknown to the criminal code. It is useless, therefore, to enter a plea of sleepy sickness to a criminal charge.

In this, as in many another respect, our criminal law lags behind contemporary scientific knowledge in an amazing way.

Doctors who have studied this disease—the more fearful because of its insidious attack upon the moral nature of a victim—are at one in saying there is no doubt whatever but that it strips the sufferer of his moral armour, and leaves him the prey to every fitful criminal impulse that sways his diseased mind.

Is such an individual, then, a fit subject to answer to a criminal charge, to bear the responsibility of a mentally sound wrongdoer, and to suffer the routine of prison with or without hard labour?

Medical science answers emphatically—No. Such people, it asserts, are fit only for one kind of treatment—medical treatment. To send them to prison is wasteful, since it takes public money and achieves no reformatory result, but probably the reverse; it is cruel, since it deprives the sufferer of the medical aid of which he stands in dire need; and it is dangerous, since it releases the sufferer, uncured and probably worse than at the moment of sentence, to prowl upon the community.

The case of Bruce Roberts, the youth referred to above, is to be brought to the attention of the Home Secretary in the House of Commons. Roberts will probably receive medical treatment in prison and be cared for with humane consideration.

But the extraordinary position remains, and if to-morrow another case similar to his comes up for trial the farce of prison sentence will be repeated.

For some reason, which is rather difficult to understand, judges are very often impatient of expert witness when the subject is a medical one, although they will listen with respect to engineers, architects and other experts.

Suspicion of Harley-Street. The phrase "trial by Harley-Street," standing for the intrusion of medicine in the realm of criminal law, has come to be regarded as any easy gibe to use when some man who has devoted, perhaps, twenty years of his life to the study of some disease, states his opinion in the witness-box.

Judges talk much of the application of common sense and of the danger of listening to subtle arguments, and of making fine distinctions of moral responsibility. They are suspicious of the doctor in the witness-box, they suspect that his jargon, composed of Greek and Latin words, is professional humbug. They forget that the law also has its absurdities of jargon, ridiculous to the layman.

The truth is, that the criminal law has never rid itself of the theory that all people are divided into two classes—the upright and the criminal. Hence the vast literature, all of it empirical, dealing with the criminal.

Professor Lombroso first gave scientific colour to this ancient belief among law-makers and administrators. He "formed" the theory that there is a definite criminal type, that there

TRIAD MEN.

KOWLOON FIRE BRIGADE OFFENDERS.

In a case heard by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon, an interesting description of the aims and objects of a Triad Society was given by Sub-Inspector Dorling. He said that the objects of these societies were the extortion by members of money from outsiders and the instigation of fights in the event of the money not being paid.

The case related to the Fuk Yee Hing Society, for being members of which two members of the Kowloon Fire Brigade were charged. The society was said by the police to be illegal, and therefore membership of it was unlawful.

Mr. J. A. Gordon Leack was for the defence. A Chinese translator of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs put in testified translations of certain documents seized by the police and these corresponded with extracts from Staunton's works on Triad Societies. One of these documents was discovered by Inspector Dorling amongst the first accused's property when he made a search of the belongings of certain members of the Kowloon Fire Brigade at 6 p.m., on June 16. Another which bore the second accused's name was found concealed in the roof of a wooden hut inside the premises of the Kowloon Godowns. Both these documents related to the Fuk Yee Hing Society, which Inspector Dorling said was practically spreading throughout China.

Mr. Leack then said that he was not in a position to rebut the statements of the Inspector in view of the statements accused had made to the police after their arrest. He pleaded for leniency however, saying that the accused would probably lose their employment if they were sent to prison and might become dangerous to society after their discharge. The Magistrate convicted both and imposed a fine of \$150 each, or, in default, two months' hard labour.

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DEATH FROM BERI-BERI.

The master of the s.s. "Hui Ning," which arrived Hong Kong yesterday from Foochow, reports the death of a Chinese deck passenger from beri-beri. The body was put ashore at Foochow on June 25.

It is becoming plain that democracy has done its work, that it is a most wasteful and unstable form of government, and that, in short, it is a luxury which we can no longer afford.—Dean Inge.

are men and women so made that for them crime is a pre-ordained career. And he went so far to devise a system whereby he undertook to show that every criminal bore certain physical signs of his moral degeneracy.

Normal Murderers. Nothing could have been more empirical and more easily proved as fallacious. Take, for example, the most terrible of recent murder trials and one finds that in every case the men and women concerned were physically and mentally normal. With the exceptions, of course, of those crimes committed by known lunatics.

Major Armstrong was a well-educated, clever man, and good-looking into the bargain. Yet the crime for which he was executed was one that would conjure up in the mind of any reader of that trial the vision of a hideous monster. It was the same with Bywaters—a splendid type of manhood; with Edith Thompson, a handsome and very intelligent woman; with Patrick Mahon, physically and mentally normal.

No scientifically-trained criminologist believes to-day that there is a distinct and recognisable criminal type. And here science is teaching the lawyer his own business, while the lawyer is very slowly listening to these new lessons.

Discredited Theories. Lombroso's theories are discredited. Those whose work has destroyed his theories, say the criminal is the normal man behaving in an abnormal way. And, further, they go on to explain that this abnormality may be due to one of two broad causes: psychic disturbance or physical disease.

In several cases of diabolical murder the subsequent autopsy has revealed the presence of brain tumours that explained the conduct of the murderer.

How should such men be handled by the State? The lawyer appears to answer the question by saying: "Send them to prison." The doctor answers it by saying: "Cure them of their abnormality, mental or physical, and you cease to have a criminal to deal with."

Where does the solution lie? Between the two, of course. The ideal prison, which will eventually be evolved, will be a hospital for the anti-social individual. Punishment will then be a very secondary consideration.

ESCAPING CONVICTS.

SHERIFF FORCED TO ACT AS CHAUFFEUR.

MURDERERS' EXPLOITS.

London, June 18.

Joliet (Illinois).—The Sheriff experienced some unhealthy adventures as the result of five convicts, who had been sentenced to death for the murder of a prison guard during an attempt to escape some months ago, again breaking jail.

The desperadoes commandeered a motor car and persuaded the Sheriff to act as chauffeur, by putting a revolver against his ribs.

When the prison guards hastened in pursuit, the Sheriff found himself between two fires. His hat was riddled with bullets, but he was otherwise unharmed. Two convicts were shot, but not killed, two were recaptured, and one escaped.

[An earlier message stated:—Chicago, March 12.—Three American and three Mexican murderers awaiting execution in the Joliet Penitentiary engaged in a terrific struggle with the warders and police in an attempt to escape. One procured a revolver and forced a warder to release the five others. The whole of the prison staff and extra police were needed to subdue the desperadoes, who did not yield till they had been beaten to the ground. The three Mexicans are still at large. One wounded two policemen in the street.]

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

AN AMUSING HOLIDAY PICTURE.

The current programme at the Queen's Theatre has been happily chosen for the holiday. The chief item is the film version of a story by Anita Loos, "The Whole Town's Talking," and it can be recommended as excellent fun. The principal characters are a maiden sighing for romance, a laggard lover, a movie queen and her jealous husband, a gay old dog and his mastering wife, a young woman of the "peroxide" type, and a dapper little man who makes quite a lot of trouble. The laggard lover is the hero, and he is labouring under the belief that he has a silver plate in his head and must not get excited. None the less he does get excited quite a lot, because—but the picture must be seen to be enjoyed in all its clever humorosity. A Felix cartoon and a topical gazette round off a capital programme.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The P. L. s.s. "Talma" will leave Amoy for this port this evening, and is due here to-morrow evening.

DUKE'S TOUR.

JOURNEY IN SPEED-BOAT ON BITTER LAKES.

NOVEL EGYPTIAN SPECTACLE.

London, June 14.

Suez.—While H.M.S. "Renown" was passing through the blue expanses of the Bitter Lakes portion of the Suez Canal, this morning, a birdlike object, with brilliantly white wings, was seen approaching.

The illusion was increased by the shimmering mirage.

The "bird" advanced with amazing rapidity, and soon was seen to be a high-powered speed-boat, creating two immense bow waves as it tore through the water.

The boat, in a few minutes, drew alongside the "Renown," and Lord Lloyd, High Commissioner in Egypt and the Sudan, stepped up the gangway to the quarter-deck, where he was ceremoniously received.

Lord Lloyd, who had hurried away from his busy duties in Cairo to Suez, took the launch on a race after the "Renown" to pay his respects to the Duke and Duchess of York.

After an hour's talk with their Royal Highnesses, Lord Lloyd re-entered the speed-boat, and disembarked at Ismailia from where he returned to Cairo.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

July 1.—Queen's Theatre; "The Whole Town's Talking."

July 1.—World Theatre; "Prisoners of the Storm."

July 1.—Star Theatre; "East Lynne."

July 1.—Tea Dance Cafe Restaurant Parisian, 4.30 p.m.

July 1.—Isako's Circus, New Reclamation Ground, Praya East, Wanchai 9.15 p.m.

July 2.—Second promenade Concert, Lee Gardens, 9.30 p.m.

July 3.—Return engagement of the Wilbur Players at Star Theatre, Kowloon.

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A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

Indiscriminate fighting on the various fronts in China has ceased for the time being. All eyes are turned to General Chiang Kai-shek who, with Feng Yu-shiang, is preparing to attack the "Reds." These generals have formed an alliance for this purpose, and the former has issued his ultimatum to Hankow. So far the Communists have not replied, but a big move is expected in a day or two. All the movements leading up to this momentous situation are set forth in this week's "Overland Mail."

Shanghai for the time being has dropped out of the picture. Interest is centred more in the north of the country, noticeably around Tientsin and Peking. Here important steps regarding fortification are being taken, and full details of these and latest troop movements are given in the "Overland."

This week's issue also contains a resume of the new Hong Kong Government measure to protect the inhabitants of the Colony against illegal strikes. "Never again," says the Government, with its mind on the last affair. Read about the Ordinance in the "Overland."

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"THE OVERLAND CHINA MAIL."

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been pleased to present to the National Library of Scotland a specially bound copy, autographed by himself, of "Southward Ho! With the Prince in Africa and South America," by Ralph Deaking published by Messrs. Methuen & Co. (Ltd.) in 1925.

Aeroplane were used at Osnabruck (Hanover), says the Strasbourg correspondent of "The Times," to hunt a murderer who had shot and robbed a bank messenger. Seizing a bag containing the equivalent of £400, he jumped into a waiting motor-car. The police took up the pursuit in cars, while aeroplanes kept the fugitive's car in sight until the police overtook and arrested him.

The Secretary for Postal Affairs, Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States writes from Kuala Lumpur to inform the public that the importation of dutiable articles into Great Britain by letter post is strictly prohibited. Information has been received from the British Post Office that the Customs authorities now rigidly enforce the decision to confiscate articles of silk sent to Great Britain by letter post.

Americans have often asked me how it is possible to identify the different Guards regiments who carry out the Trooping of the Colour, remarks a "Daily Mail" writer. Actually it is a simple matter, being all a question of bearskins and buttons. Thus the Grenadiers have a white hackle or plume in their bearskins, and buttons at regular intervals; the Coldstreamers a red plume, and buttons arranged in pairs; the Scots Guards no plume, and buttons in threes; the Irish a blue plume, and buttons in two groups of four, while the Welsh have a green and white plume, and buttons in two groups of five.

No gold coins were minted last year. This fact is disclosed in the report in the "London Gazette," of the trial of the Pyx of the London Mint. This trial of the Pyx is an old English custom possibly dating from Saxon days, although the first record of it is in the time of Henry III. The "Pyx" was originally a chest into which sample coins were placed pending trial. This chest was once kept in the Pyx Chamber at Westminster, but in modern times has been supplanted by a prosaic safe kept at the Mint. A certain proportion of the coins struck each year is placed in the Pyx and then tested for weight and fineness. In 1925 not a single half-sovereign was struck, although 3,520,431 sovereigns were made.

The following two Bills were read a second and third time and eventually passed at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council: Bill to authorise the appropriation of a Supplementary sum of \$1,083,892.42 to defray the charges of the year 1926; and Bill to protect the Revenue of the Colony.



Mr. Samuel Bemis, Professor of History at George Washington University, who has been awarded the \$1,000 Pulitzer prize for the best work in American history in 1926. His "Pickney's Treaty," a study of American diplomacy from 1783 to 1800 was the title of his work. Several years ago Professor Bemis captured the \$3,000 prize offered by the Knights of Columbus on early American history.

Speaking at Bedford, where she opened a new library at the Training College for Women Teachers, the Duchess of Atholl (Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education), making a plea for more reading, said there was no dress, even among those produced by modern dressmakers, so skimpy that it would not hold a small book somewhere, and no handbag, however tightly packed, in which a tiny volume would not go. One could read everywhere. Excessive indulgence in the film habit robbed us of the power of concentration, except in so far as it was needed to translate captions which, to those accustomed to what they regarded as the English language, often seemed to be written in a foreign language.

A few hours after leaving London, for New Zealand, five stowaways were discovered on board the steamer "Port Campbell." The captain said he would permit them to work their passage, but when, a quarter of an hour later, six others appeared on deck, he withdrew his offer, and landed the lot at Falmouth.

Local rates for the third quarter 1927 are to be paid in advance before July 31. If any person shall fail to pay such rates on or before August 31, proceedings will be taken in the Supreme Court for their recovery without further notice. No refund of rates in respect of vacant tenements will be granted unless such rates have been paid during and within the month of July, 1927, nor unless application is made for such refund within fifteen days from the expiration of the quarter.

Artificial sunlight is now used to revive faded flowers and plants (says the "Sunday Chronicle"). At a restaurant in the Strand, where London dances and dines in the health-giving rays, is to be found a "sunlight lamp" for the benefit of sickly pot plants. I noticed a wild orchid actually come into bloom after eight hours of the healing light. One woman patron took off her shoulder bouquet and laid the flowers in the "sunshine" to refresh them.

There is a superstition in the Lake District that it is unlucky for a motor to pass a funeral. Though an accompanying car pulled up, a new one, in which Mr. Kendal, a bank manager, and Mr. R. McLelland were taking a driving lesson near Morecombe, sped on and almost immediately collided with another car and toppled over a 40 foot cliff on to a rock-strewn beach, being smashed to smithereens. McLelland, his 9-year-old son and a mechanic are in a critical condition as a result of the injuries sustained.

The exemplary sentences passed by the Lord Chief Justice at the Old Bailey on one of the worst gangs of blackmailers in the annals of that court will be thoroughly approved by the British public, remarks the "Daily Mail." Blackmailing is one of the cruelest and most insidious forms of crime because the victims of it are so often afraid to prosecute. Taylor, the head of the gang, was given penal servitude for life, and the other five members of his gang received sentences of eight to ten years' penal servitude. Such firm treatment will go far to stamp the offence out. The Lord Chief Justice in his action will have the support of all right-minded men and women.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. T. W. H. Hosegood has been appointed an official Justice of the Peace in Hong Kong.

Don K. King, former advertising manager of the "Shanghai Times," is en route to America on the liner "Africa Maru." Mr. King came out East four years ago and was identified with various newspapers in the Orient, including the Manila "Bulletin."

Visitors to the beautiful Sheen house of Sir John and Lady Martin Harvey, have been much amused lately to see written above the visitors' bell, in careful block letters, the words, "The only way to get in is to ring the bell" (says the "Star"). So far the indelible pencil has resisted all efforts at removal and as Sir John said, "The only way is to let time efface the inscription." Are there many actors and actresses who have their greatest successes brought home to them so thoroughly?

It is rumoured that the celebrated author of "The Circle," Mr. Somerset Maugham is going to retire before long. He has, of course, made a huge fortune out of his plays and novels, so that he has earned his rest in the South of France, where, apparently, he means to take up his permanent abode. It may be that we have even now seen the last play from his pen, as he is not so keen on this side of literary life as on the writing of novels. But if he gives up play-writing altogether it will be a pity.

The suite of rooms usually occupied by the Heir Apparent's consort has been omitted from the preparation now being carried out for the coming occupation of Marlborough House by the Prince of Wales. The original intention had been to clean down the whole interior, close upon two hundred rooms, but it was thought that the bill was too big and it was cut almost by half. All the electric lighting is being transferred to steel conduits, and the windows of the Prince's own business room have already been cleared of coloured glass and glazed, with vitreous to admit the sun's ultra-violet rays.

Regarding the sudden wedding of the heiress, Miss Grace Vanderbilt to Mr. H. C. Davis, a young American, which caused a sensation in New York and Washington society, a later cable states that husband and wife left New York at midnight for their honeymoon in British Columbia, apparently without obtaining the blessing of the bride's parents.



M. Jeanne Gordon, contralto of the Metropolitan Opera.

Let no one say that the triumph of women is not complete, exclaims a Glasgow writer! The Oxford University Dramatic Society have decided to offer a leading part in their next production to a woman undergraduate! For years the O.U.D.S. have considered that none but professional actresses were good enough to take the women's parts in their plays; to offer the part to a woman amateur is indeed a concession on their side. They are a very famous club, the O.U.D.S., and have always taken in themselves, and been taken by the public, very seriously. Many men who now adorn the London stage were first "lured" with a love of acting through membership of the O.U.D.S. Will it now become a training school for actresses as well as actors?

It is known that the Queen intends to have a painting done of Princess Elizabeth, with a duplicate, executed for the Duke and Duchess of York, the baby girl's parents. There is naturally a good deal of excitement in artistic circles about this matter and a considerable amount of guessing as to who will get the valuable commission. The portrait is being done to commemorate the stay of the child at Buckingham Palace during the absence of her parents on their Colonial tour.

The Dowager-Countess of Mar and Kellie died at her residence at Oxford, Surrey, after three months' illness. She was 82 years of age. Mary Anne, Dowager-Countess of Mar and Kellie, was the eldest daughter of the late Mr. William Forbes of Medwyn, in the County of Peebles, who was a son of Mr. John Hay Forbes, a Senator of the College of Justice with the title of Lord Medwyn. Lord Medwyn was the second son of Sir William Forbes of Pittligo, the sixth baronet, an eminent banker in Edinburgh. She married in 1863 Walter Henry, 13th Earl of Kellie who, in 1875, claimed successfully to be the eleventh Earl of Mar. These two Earldoms, both of the Scottish Peerage, both held by the family of Erskine, were originally, and for centuries remained, distinct. The eleventh Earl of Mar and thirteenth Earl of Kellie died in 1888.

Said a Home paper in mail week: It seems almost incredible that next week Queen Mary will attain her 60th birthday. Yet it is a fact that she was born in 1867. To appreciate not only the change in fashion, but also what might be called "the decreasing weight of age," it is interesting to compare, or rather to contrast, a picture of Queen Victoria at 60 and Queen Mary at the same age; and an equally striking result is obtained by putting the most recent portrait of the Prince of Wales side by side with one of the Prince Consort at the age of 35. The fact that no one thinks of the Queen as being 60 is due, no doubt, to the wonderful health which she enjoys. She has been immune from serious illness and has a wonderful constitution. Nevertheless, Her Majesty's never spares herself, and, while taking ordinary precautions, she does not fuss about her health.

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SPORTS SECTION

LAWN BOWLS.

Kowloon Dock Still at the Top.

C.S.C.C. FIRST POINTS.

Second Division Race More Exciting.

(By "Short Head.")

As the outcome of last Saturday's games the Civil Service Cricket Club have secured their first couple of points, thanks to a good win over a fairly weak Kowloon Cricket Club team, some of the latter players preferring to watch the Races. Still their substitutes were by no means inferior to some others who have been on duty in recent weeks, and so their defeat cannot altogether be put down to this reason. Pendered was the hero of the match, securing the possible eight in one head, much to the discomfort and surprise of his opponents. With two wickets in hand Pendered's rink lay only one, and Pendered, spotting the obstruction to a "kill" drew in with his first wood. With his second he went up narrow and removed the opposition wood—and great was the surprise when the full eight was counted up. Deakin had no trouble in accounting for Goldenberg by a margin of seven, and Oswald "piled" on the score against Pile by a majority of 12 shots—quite a good performance for the Civil Servants in one afternoon.

The Craignower Cricket Club furnished the surprise of the afternoon by going down at home to the Taikoo Recreation Club, even Basa's "big four" failing to make an impression on the visitors, who proved as they did last year that matches can be won on the tricky Craignower sward. Wallace had a big score over Omar by a solitary shot. The Taikoo boys assert that they are by no means out of the running for the championship in spite of the big lead obtained by their friends at Kowloon Dock.

The result of the remaining match was as expected, the League leaders easily accounting for the Police Recreation Club by 28 shots and incidentally scoring their biggest aggregate of shots this season, as the following record shows:

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| Beat Police | 68-44 |
| Beat K.B.G.C. | 63-58 |
| Beat K.C.C. | 60-45 |
| Beat C.S.C.C. | 58-49 |
| Beat C.S.C.C. | 65-46 |
| Beat Police | 72-44 |

It is a coincidence that the Police scored the exact number of shots that they did on the occasion of the first match this season at Happy Valley. Lapsley preserved his unbeaten record by downing Sward's rink by seven shots—not too many considering the weak composition of the latter. Six shots separated Moss from Cullen, but Gray had a 15-shots margin over Mair.

K.C.C. II. Surprised.

In the Second Division the Kowloon Cricket Club came within an ace of losing their first match, for, playing at home, they just managed to beat the Civil Service Cricket Club by seven shots. A week ago I predicted that the result of this encounter would hinge largely on whether Massey was opposed to Lammert, the latter of whom has been greatly responsible for the "damage" in this season's meetings against the other Clubs. Strangely enough Lammert and Massey did meet and Lammert went down by five shots. The Civil Service, however, had the match won in the first half when they simply left their opponents' score standing, only to fall away afterward and give the points away. Taylor and Hertridge could not be separated, but Alderman's quartette shaped poorly against Davidson's four, the former's deficit of eight shots making all the difference between victory and defeat.

At Taikoo the Craignower Cricket Club went down rather ingloriously to the Taikoo Recreation Club, thanks to a "kill" of 26-8 by Matthews's rink over Razack's. McKechie also had a good say in the result, accounting for Knott by a majority of 11 shots. Dinmen and Sellwood could not be separated with a score of 22 each.

The expected occurred when the Club de Recreio visited the East Point Recreation Club and went down by as many as 48 shots—a big majority indeed, proving once more how erratic the King's

Park boys are this season. McTavish simply slaughtered J. Ribeiro by 40 shots to four—a record for this season. McKellar got home on A. Ribeiro by eight shots, but Lee had to own defeat by L. C. Sousa by one shot.

Flattering!

The final score at Kowloon of 71-49 in favour of the Bowling Green Club against the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club may truthfully be said to have flattered the home team. After three heads they led by 7-0, 6-0, and 2-1, but then the Yacht Club came away strongly and not only overtook the leeway but passed their opponents' scores on the first two rinks without the latter replying once. At the tea interval there was a difference of only one shot between the two Clubs, and up to the sixteenth or seventeenth head he would have been an optimist who would have predicted a win for either Club by more than three or four shots. MacLachlan's rink were the first to finish, with eight shots in their favour. In the encounter between Warren and Davies the former was down four at the penultimate head. Unfortunately for the Yacht Club Bullock threw an extra short jack as against the medium and longish heads on which they had been scoring previously. The result was disastrous, for the first three players of the Yacht Club overran the jack and when Davies, who had played a superb game throughout, went down to retrieve the position he was over-anxious, and when his opponents counted up the possible eight Warren's face was like a Canadian Summer. This made the second "possible" last Saturday in the League and the third this season. For a time, even with twelve shots in hand, it looked as if the ultimate fate of the game would rest with Duncan's rink, which was the last to finish. In the middle of the game Shields's men played very well, but fell away toward the close, leaving Duncan the winner by 10 shots. In fairness to the Yacht Club it may be said that the Bowling Green will never be nearer losing than last Saturday. The play of the latter was at no time impressive.

Undefeated Skips.

As the outcome of last Saturday's games the only undefeated skips now are:

First Division: W. Macfarlane (K.B.G.C.), four wins; Brown (K.D.R.C.), four wins and one draw; Wallace (Taikoo), three wins; Lapsley (K.D.R.C.), three wins; Holland (K.B.G.C.), two wins and Drummond (Taikoo), one win.

Second Division: McKellar (E.P.R.C.), two wins; Young (Taikoo), Dobbie and R. Duncan (both K.B.G.C.), one win each. Mammoth Scores.

The following are the biggest scores this season in League fixtures:

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| Molland (K.B.G.C.) | 32 |
| Basa (C.C.C.) | 33 |
| Brown (K.D.) | 33 |
| Moss (P.R.C.) | 27 |
| Basa (C.C.C.) | 28 |
| Wallace T.R.C.) | 24 |

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|-------------------------|----|
| McTavish (E.P.) | 40 |
| Matthews (T.R.C.) | 26 |
| Warren (K.B.G.C.) | 33 |
| Knott (C.C.C.) | 37 |
| McTavish (E.P.) | 29 |
| Taylor (C.S.C.C.) | 22 |

TO-MORROW'S PROSPECTS.

Amongst the matches scheduled for to-morrow the most important is that between the two Kowloon Clubs—the Bowling Green and the Dock—on the ground of the former. Where they won a year ago by three shots the League leaders of this season do not see how they can lose to-morrow. Contrariwise, their hosts declare that they were unlucky to lose at the beginning of this season at the Dock by only five shots, and they point to the fact that in the past they have a great preponderance of wins on their own green at the expense of the Dock. Allick Macfarlane, formerly of the Craignower C.C. and lately of Shamene, who is stationed in the Colony again, will "sport silk" for the Bowling Green Club. How he will shape owing to the lack of practice remains to be seen. In any event a splendid tussle should result, with the "betting market" slightly in favour of the Dock, who are not likely to lose their first points without a grim tussle.

The Civil Service C.C. are at home to the Police, and should "take charge" of them from the jump, if they keep up last

Saturday's form. The Police, of course, are inconsistent, and if they can win at Taikoo there is no reason, say their supporters, why they should not win against their nearer and dearer neighbours. They went down on this green a year ago by 10 shots, and will have to go the whole way to avoid the loss of another two points, which they can ill afford to lose at this stage of the League.

The Craignower Cricket Club go over the water to tackle the Kowloon Cricket Club, and looking to the precarious position of their hosts, they may just about win. The Second Division meeting of these Clubs a year ago resulted in a win for the K.C.C. by 11 shots. It may be, however, that the K.C.C. will feel in a chastened mood after their successive defeats at the hands of the Taikoo R.C. (at home) and the Civil Service (away) and may be in the mood for springing a surprise on the visitors to-morrow.

Second Division Race. The chief match in the Second Division is between the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and the Kowloon Cricket Club—the latter nominal leaders in the Division. To win—and thus make the struggle for supremacy even more thrilling—the Bowling Green Club will have to improve vastly on last Saturday's form, for the reasons stated previously in these notes. Some of their visitors to-morrow are members of the Bowling Green Club—in dead, one of the skips played for the latter Club last season—so that little need be looked for in the way of ground advantage, unless it is that the locals will be more acquainted with the lobs and the "hurdles." On the result may depend the destiny of the championship.

The East Point Recreation Club are at home to the Taikoo Recreation Club and should reverse the result of last season when they lost by nine shots. The East Pointers have a slightly better position on the League table than their guests of to-morrow, and they are not likely to lose the opportunity of improving it.

The Civil Service Cricket Club should be at home to the Yacht Club; but at time of writing there is every indication that the venue of the match will be the Police R.C. ground. This will make the issue very doubtful, when it is remembered that the Yacht Club won the fixture on the Civil Service ground last season by a couple of shots. The Yacht Club showed signs last Saturday that the date of their first victory cannot be long delayed, which adds a spice of uncertainty to the match to-morrow.

The remaining fixture is between the Craignower Cricket Club and the Club de Recreio at the Happy Valley. The visitors won last year by two points, and as the ground team have been rather shaky since they defeated the Yacht Club and as the Club de Recreio can rise to the occasion when least expected, nothing in the way of a runaway victory for the Craignower C.C. need be expected.

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| West (P.R.C.) | 6 |
| Farrell (K.B.G.C.) | 13 |
| Farrell (K.B.G.C.) | 16 |
| Wotherspoon (T.R.C.) | 11 |
| Pile (K.C.C.) | 8 |
| Overy (K.C.C.) | 9 |

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| J. Ribeiro (de Rec.) | 4 |
| Razack (C.C.C.) | 8 |
| McKechie (E.P.) | 7 |
| Edwards (Y.C.) | 14 |
| J. Ribeiro (de Rec.) | 8 |
| Souza (de Rec.) | 9 |

[Since the foregoing notes were penned very heavy rain has fallen with no signs of abatement this (Friday) morning. This may result in a postponement of some of the fixtures owing to the sodden nature of the greens.]

FIXTURES FOR TO-MORROW.

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| Division I. |
| Kowloon C.C. v. Craignower C.C. |
| Civil Service C.C. v. Police R.C. |
| Kowloon B.G.C. v. Kowloon D.R.C. |
| Division II. |
| Craignower C.C. v. Club de Recreio |
| East Point R.C. v. Taikoo R.C. |
| Civil Service C.C. v. Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club |
| Kowloon B.G.C. v. Kowloon C.C. |

TO-MORROW'S TEAMS.

The following are probable teams for to-morrow:—
First Division.
Kowloon Bowling Green Club.—W. Hedley, J. Magill, D. Muir, and W. Macfarlane (skip); T. Ferguson, A. Chapman, P. T. Farrell, and A. M. Holland (skip); D. Hazel, D. Harvey, A.

TILDEN BEATEN.

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Miss Wills beat Miss Fry 6-3, 6-1.
In the third round Miss Wills and Mrs. Ryan beat Miss Dransfield and Miss Hogarth 6-2, 6-1.

Borotra beat Lacoste 6-4, 6-3, 1-6, 1-6, 6-2.



A new picture of R. Lacoste (France), who lost to Borotra in the Men's Singles at Wimbledon.

Macfarlane, and W. Russell (skip).

Civil Service C.C.—B. E. Maughan, H. Westlake, sen., P. Keegan, and J. W. Deakin (skip); R. A. Smith, T. Laing, A. Holledge, and T. D. E. Pendered (skip); H. H. Rose, A. O. Brown, A. Grimmit, and A. I. Oswald (skip).

Kowloon Dock R.C.—D. M. Neilson, G. Henderson, J. O. McLagan, and S. Gray (skip); J. Scott Atkinson, J. V. Ramsay, J. A. Lindsay, and F. Cullen (skip); A. Gourlay, H. G. Cooper, W. Greig, and R. Lapsley (skip).

Police R.C.—Collins, Hollands, Reid, and Moss (skip); Glenning, Marks, Condon, and Sward (skip); Greenwood, Wiltshire, West, and Mair (skip).

Taikoo R.C.—W. Weir, J. Whyte, J. Russell, and W. Wotherspoon (skip); T. Young, W. F. Seath, G. McLeod, and W. Wallace (skip); T. Grimes, J. Muirhead, J. Laing, and G. Morrison (skip).

C.C.C.—W. B. Muskett, M. A. R. Souza, C. Bennett, and R. Basa (skip); H. Beer, W. T. Bright, and C. S. Rosset, and D. Rumjahn (skip); F. J. Neves, D. Fritz, E. el Arculli, and U. M. Omar (skip).

Second Division.
Kowloon Bowling Green Club.—F. W. Hale, G. Hat, G. B. Slipper, and W. Warren (skip); Forester, W. Cuff, J. Budding, and J. MacLachlan (skip); J. Matthews, H. Stonham, R. Dixon, and R. Duncan (skip).

Club de Recreio.—H. Alves, J. A. V. Ribeiro, C. E. Marques, and A. Ribeiro (skip); C. F. Vas, F. E. A. Remedios, J. Ribeiro, and C. A. Lopes (skip); F. X. Silva, L. A. Rocha, C. Silva, and L. C. Souza (skip).

Civil Service.—S. Eccleshall, Jones, F. H. W. Haynes, and J. Massey (skip); J. Beattie, Luck, A. E. Murphy, and Alderman (skip); Strange, Flegg, Archibald, and Taylor (skip).

East Point C.C.—A. T. Hamilton, R. Williamson, G. M. Shaw, and R. McKellar (skip); S. Baker, G. Vickers, A. K. Henderson, and H. M. McTavish (skip); F. G. Samways, A. Webster, R. H. Whiteford, and R. W. Lee (skip).

Yacht Club.—Reed, Bullock, Continued at foot of next column.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

CHINESE PLAYING QUEEN'S REGIMENT.

A football match between the Chinese Athletic Association and the first Battalion, Queen's Royal Regiment, will take place at Sookumpoo this afternoon, the kick-off being timed to take place at 5.45 p.m.

A very good match is anticipated, as the Queen's Regiment possess an enviable record. During the 1925-6 season, they were winners of the Army Football Cup, the Dover Hospital Cup, the Inter-Services Cinque Ports and the Folkestone and District League. When the regiment left Dover, a few of their players in the original team, were left behind, and the team that will be fielded to-day will, of course, include a few reserves.

China A.A. will be represented as follows: Pau Ka-ping; Law Mow, Lo Wal-man; Ho Cho-yin, Lum Yuk-ying (Capt.), Ng Po-lau; Lee Bing-tong, Suen Kam-shuen, Wong Pak-chong, Choy Ping-fan and Ng Kam-chuen.

HONG KONG F.A.

RESULTS OF YEAR'S WORKING.

VERY SUCCESSFUL PERIOD.

The annual report of the Hong Kong Football Association, just issued, states:—

The year under review has been quite a successful one, due in a large measure to the loyal co-operation of the officials of all clubs.

The Council met on ten occasions during the year to transact the general business of the Association, which included the arrangements for the Interport games with Shanghai.

The Emergency Committee met on seven occasions to deal with eleven cases of misconduct by players. One was cautioned, seven were suspended for various terms, and two were fined. Although the cases of misconduct on the field were considerably less last year than the two previous years, they are considerably more than should be in such a small area.

The Referees' Committee met on three occasions during the year. In the early part of the season there was again a shortage of referees, but matters adjusted themselves before the season was half over.

The competitions run by the Association were again a great success, and it is to be placed on record that both the Senior and Junior Shield Competitions were won by one Club, the K.O.S.B. This is the first time such a feat has been accomplished in this Colony.

"Sunday Herald" Cup.

The receipts from the "Sunday Herald Charity Cup Competition" totalled \$3,939.50, an increase of \$1,897 over the previous year. The Council decided to follow the example set in 1926 and distribute the gross takings.

The following alterations to rules are recommended by the Council:—

Shield Competition Rules:—Rule 6. Delete the last sentence, and substitute:—"A senior player is a player who has taken part in more than one Senior game in League Competitions."

Lai Wah Cup Competition Rules:—Rule 3. Delete "South China Athletic Association" and substitute "A committee from the Chinese Clubs in membership."

The statement of accounts shows that on May 31 there was a balance at the bank of \$4,970.23 and cash in hand \$875. There is a balance of assets over liabilities of \$1,174.46.

The annual meeting will be held at the Volunteer Headquarters on Wednesday, July 6, at 5.30 p.m.

Interport Matches.

The report concerning the Interport matches states: The finances of the account are very sound and a balance of \$3,987.61 is being carried forward.

The Shanghai Interport Team visited Hong Kong in February and the Interport game took place on February 6, when Hong Kong won by 4 goals to nil. Since the Interport Cup has been played for Shanghai has won it twice and Hong Kong twice.

In addition to the Interport game two other representative matches were arranged: one with the Chinese and one with a combined Navy and Army team. Under the capable control of their manager, Mr. Leslie, and their captain, Mr. Gush, and in spite of injuries and climatic disadvantages, Shanghai gave a very fine exhibition of how the game should be played. They are to be heartily congratulated on this.

The "Lai Wah" Cup Competition took place late in the season and was again a success. The Army team is to be congratulated on winning the trophy for the first time.

REVOLVER SHOOT.

POLICE SUPERINTENDENTS WIN.

At the Sookumpoo range yesterday afternoon, an interesting revolver competition was "shot" off between three Police teams representing the Superintendent's, the Criminal Investigation Department, and the Traffic Department. Weather conditions were not favourable, it being showery and the light bad. Although scores were as a result not high, the "shot" was nevertheless keenly contested. The Superintendent's team won with a score of 373 points, fired over ranges of 10, 15 and 20 yards. Silver spoons presented by the Police Recreation Club were awarded to the members of the winning team.

Superintendents.

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| Hon. C.S.P. | 43 |
| Mr. Wodehouse | 67 |
| Mr. King | 40 |
| Mr. Perdue | 76 |
| Mr. Booth | 77 |
| Mr. Sparrow | 71 |
| | 373 |

Traffic Dept.

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|-------------------------|-----|
| S/Insp. Alexander | 40 |
| S/Insp. Smith | 49 |
| Sergt. Saunders | 30 |
| Sergt. Hopkins | 64 |
| Sergt. Baker | 41 |
| Sergt. Clarke | 51 |
| | 325 |

C. I. D.

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| C/Inspector Reynolds | 86 |
| Inspector Lane | 59 |
| S/Inspector Andrew | 58 |
| S/Inspector Carey | 60 |
| Sergt. Whant | 62 |
| Sergt. Fitches | 48 |
| | 323 |

"SHANGHAIED" MILLIONAIRE.

The supposed mystery concerning the presence on board the Cunard liner "Aquitania" of Mr. William B. Leeds, the millionaire husband of Princess Xenia of Greece, was cleared up when the vessel reached Southampton from New York. He said that the suggestion that he had been "shanghaied" originated in rather an amusing fashion. "When I got on board the ship," he said, "some friends of mine asked me why I was there, and purely as a joke, I said: 'I have been shanghaied.' They apparently failed to appreciate the humour of the remark, and one of them took the trouble to wireless my statement back to the American papers. The rumour quickly spread.

"As a matter of fact, my presence on the 'Aquitania' was entirely due to my taking at the last minute the place of a man who was to represent me in a business deal in Europe who had not turned up within ten minutes of the ship's departure. I had just time to ring up my wife and tell her I would not be back, and then, without gear or passport, I boarded the ship with a friend, Mr. William Meyer, of New York, whom I met on the quayside and persuaded to accompany me. Neither of us had any gear, but through the kindness of passengers and the ship's officers we managed to secure the garments we needed."

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NUN'S ACADEMY TRIUMPH.

FROM CLOISTER TO BURLINGTON HOUSE.

One of the most charming and delicate exhibits in this year's Royal Academy is the work of a nun, Sister Mary Etheldreda, of the Convent of Marie Auxiliatrice, Finchley. This is the first time a nun has exhibited at the Royal Academy, and Sister Mary Etheldreda is pleased with her success.

The exhibit is a plaque of a child's head with an opening spray of japonica as a background.

"I called it 'The month of March,'" Sister Mary Etheldreda said to a Press representative. "I made it in March, and my little pupil who sat for it was four years old in that month."

This quiet little woman with a youthful face and a silvery voice is by no means a novice as an artist. She has taken her diplomas, and is art mistress at the convent's high school.

"My family are all artists," she said. "That is why I used my worldly name of 'Amie Livens' when I sent in the plaque, because the name is known."

"My family very much wanted me to be an artist, and I have travelled all over the Continent studying, but I wanted to give my life to the service of God, and I became a nun shortly after I had taken my diplomas."

NAVAL BATTLES FILM.

WARSHIPS AID IN BIG PRODUCTION.

The Admiralty having granted facilities, a British company is preparing here some of the scenes in a film of the Coronel and Falkland Islands naval battles of the war. During the week photographers went to sea in warships on occasions when gunnery and torpedo practice were being carried out, and they were able to film cruises carrying out full calibre firing.

They also took photographs of various minor scenes representing incidents aboard the British ships before, during, and after the two battles.

During the Fleet exercises an attempt will be made to enact various scenes at sea to represent stages in both battles. As modern ships differ so widely in appearance from the older classes which were actually engaged in the battles, the films will be taken from a position ahead of the ships so that they will appear "end on" to the camera.

Gunfire will be simulated by firing small powder charges in the muzzles of the guns. Other small charges fired in position on deck will represent bursts of enemy shells and outbreaks of fire, while the splashes of shells falling in the water will be produced by throwing overboard small buoyant explosive charges fired by a time fuse.

EXPLOITS OF "EMDEN."

PRIVATE VIEW OF FILM IN LONDON.

London, May 28. The German film of the "Emden's activities" has been shown privately in London prior to public exhibition on June 2.

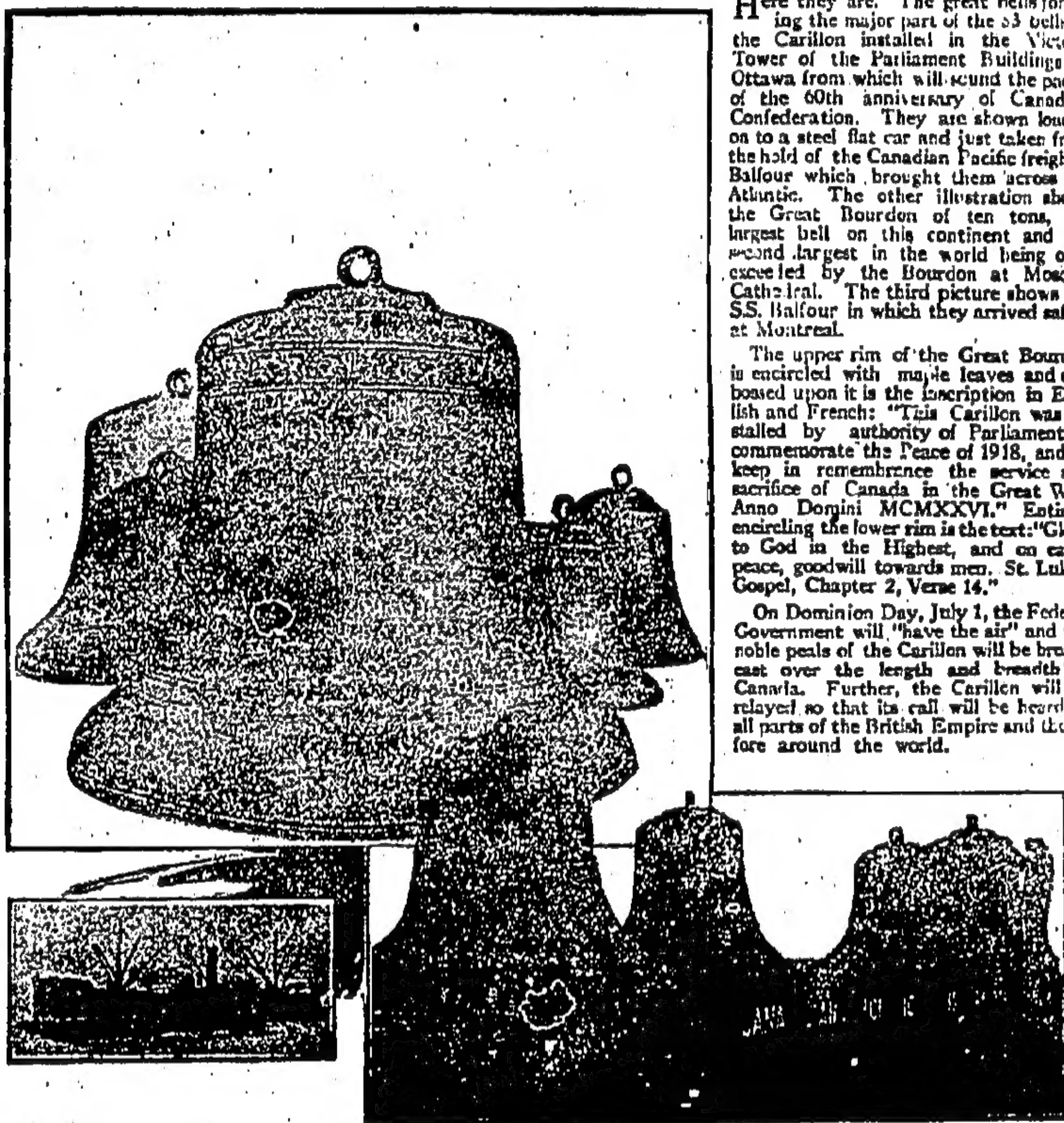
The "Evening News" says the producer has unbiasedly got every ounce of drama out of a story which gives every credit to the British victory. The situation is very tense when Capt. von Muller, standing on the bridge, receives report after report of a new disaster to the ship from the "Sydney's" guns.

Deaths of heroism, both Australians and Germans, thrilled the audience, says the paper, that they were so carried away that they cheered and applauded when the "Emden's" boatswain continued working a gun with one hand after being mortally wounded.

Many of the scenes were supplied from negatives taken during the operations. Almost the only criticism, concludes the paper, is that the Australian sailors are obviously Germans.

"Very Fair Indeed." The "Emden" film is so very fair indeed that Germany is accused of being too British, says the "Daily News."

"One point indicating that it was under the German Admiralty's negis is the presentation of British



Here they are. The great bells forming the major part of the Carillon installed in the Victoria Tower of the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa from which will sound the peal of the 60th anniversary of Canadian Confederation. They are shown loaded on to a steel flat car and just taken from the hold of the Canadian Pacific freighter Balfour which brought them across the Atlantic. The other illustration shows the Great Borden of ten tons, the largest bell on this continent and the second largest in the world being only exceeded by the Borden at Moscow Cathedral. The third picture shows the SS. Balfour in which they arrived safely at Montreal.

The upper rim of the Great Borden is encircled with maple leaves and embossed upon it is the inscription in English and French: "This Carillon was installed by authority of Parliament to commemorate the Peace of 1918, and to keep in remembrance the service and sacrifice of Canada in the Great War. Anno Domini MCMXXVI." Entirely encircling the lower rim is the text: "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth goodwill towards men. St. Luke's Gospel, Chapter 2, Verse 14."

On Dominion Day, July 1, the Federal Government will "have the air" and the noble peals of the Carillon will be broadcast over the length and breadth of Canada. Further, the Carillon will be played so that its call will be heard in all parts of the British Empire and therefore around the world.

CORONATION PICTURE.

ROYAL PAINTING 138 FEET LONG.

Mr. Kennedy North has now finished his painting of the Coronation procession of 1911. The picture, which was started in 1924, shows the procession returning from Westminster Abbey, and it has been executed with a wealth of detail, depicting 300 horses and nearly 3,000 men.

The painting is 138ft. long, and entirely surrounds the Queen's Doll's House Room at the Castle. It was seen for the first time by the public when visitors were admitted to the Queen's Doll's House Room. This was formerly the China Room, and was cleverly adapted by Sir Edwin Lutyens, R.A. The Doll's House was kept open to the public every week-day, except Friday, from eleven a.m. until four p.m. up to and including May 28.

sailors and passengers on board sunken ships as terrified out of their lives, while the Germans are always veritable heroes. Much of the film is dull as the sinking of unarmed ships cannot be represented heroically.

"The film also tries to make the spectator believe that Capt. von Muller did not surrender, which at first was correct, but white flags are shown when the "Sydney" reopened fire on the stranded "Emden."

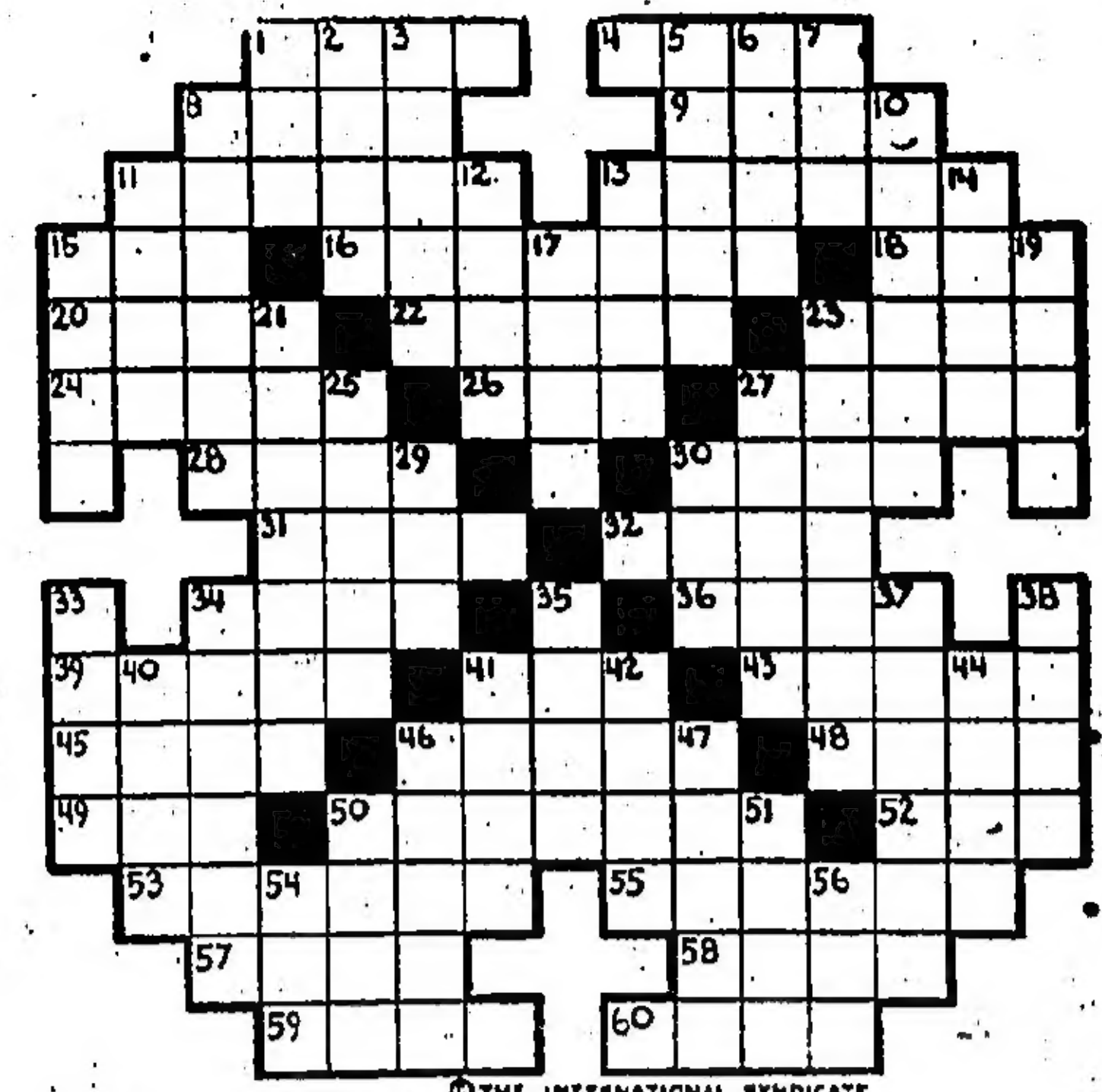
LONDON AT THE OPERA.

It is amusing to read "in the 'Stunde'" one of the two principal evening papers of Vienna, that the performance of "Parsifal" at Covent Garden was an "experiment," which was not successful because it had no "Tradition" and no audience which had "grown up in Wagner science." "Parsifal" was played in an "opera house which is a public dance hall most of the year."

The Knights' Hall in the Gralsburg recalled to the critic the "palm garden of a provincial emporium." The audience behaved as

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Human chest
- 4-Waves near the shore
- 8-A fresh-water fish
- 9-Black substance from smoke
- 11-Frayed
- 13-Coasts
- 15-Pale
- 16-Empowered
- 18-A quick bite
- 20-Military assistant
- 22-Black
- 23-A scourge
- 24-A violent, audible exhalation
- 26-Low coral island
- 27-Large receptacle for liquids (pl.)
- 28-Destroy
- 30-To reason
- 31-To fall
- 32-An entry
- 34-Hastened
- 36-A grove
- 39-Gorges
- 41-Guided
- 43-Clamor

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 45-Row
- 46-To amaze
- 48-Close by
- 49-Still
- 50-Mixture of milk and eggs, baked
- 52-A metal
- 53-Starm
- 55-An animal
- 57-Brooklet
- 58-Child's winter plaything
- 59-Otherwise
- 60-To cook slowly

VERTICAL

- 1-Back
- 2-Incise
- 5-To pay out, as money
- 6-An attendant in a theatre
- 6-A crucifix
- 7-On account of
- 8-Frankness
- 10-A lease
- 11-Shower
- 12-Dusky

VERTICAL (Cont.)

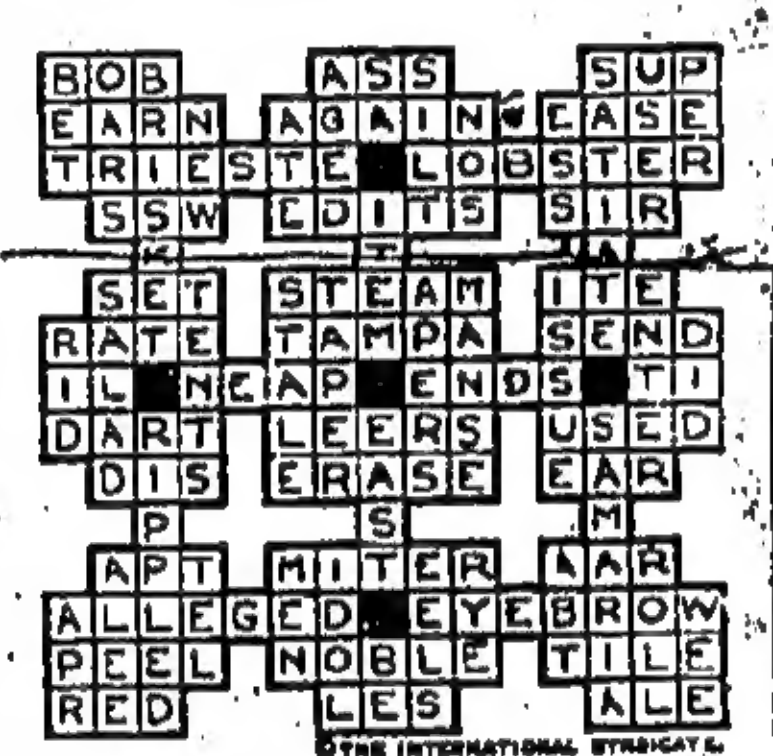
- 13-Kill
- 14-To fall slowly
- 15-An insect
- 17-Vegetable
- 19-Annoyance
- 21-Learned
- 22-Kind of aircraft
- 23-Warrior
- 25-Claw
- 29-Incline the head
- 30-Adage
- 33-Repulsive
- 34-Searcher
- 35-To belabor
- 37-Ate only certain foods
- 38-Green, flowerless plant
- 40-Fishhook
- 41-To forfeit
- 42-To haul
- 44-Ship's canvas
- 45-Throws violently
- 47-Carrier
- 48-Room in a jail
- 51-Valve
- 54-Contend
- 56-Still

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to still other words. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

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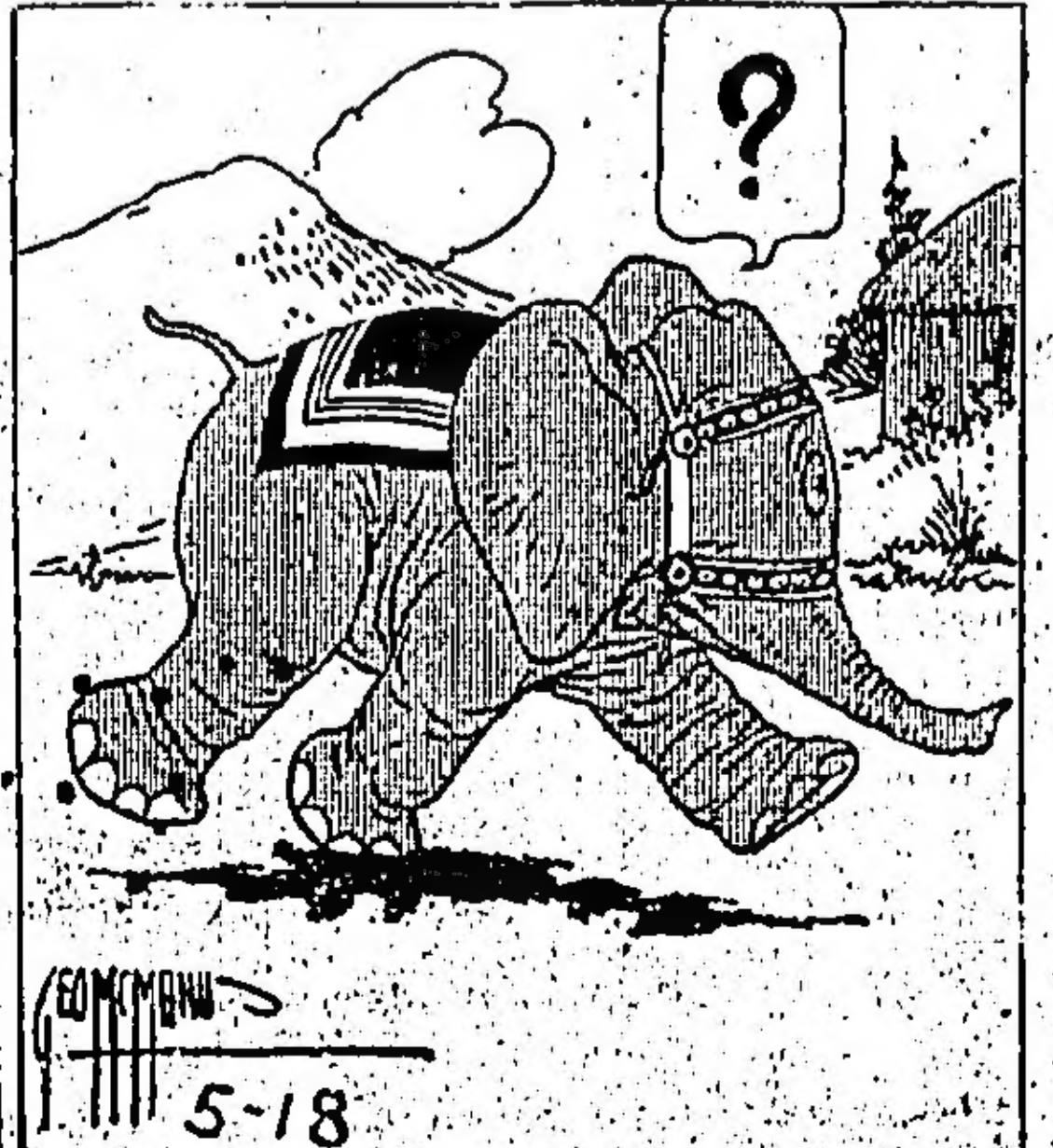
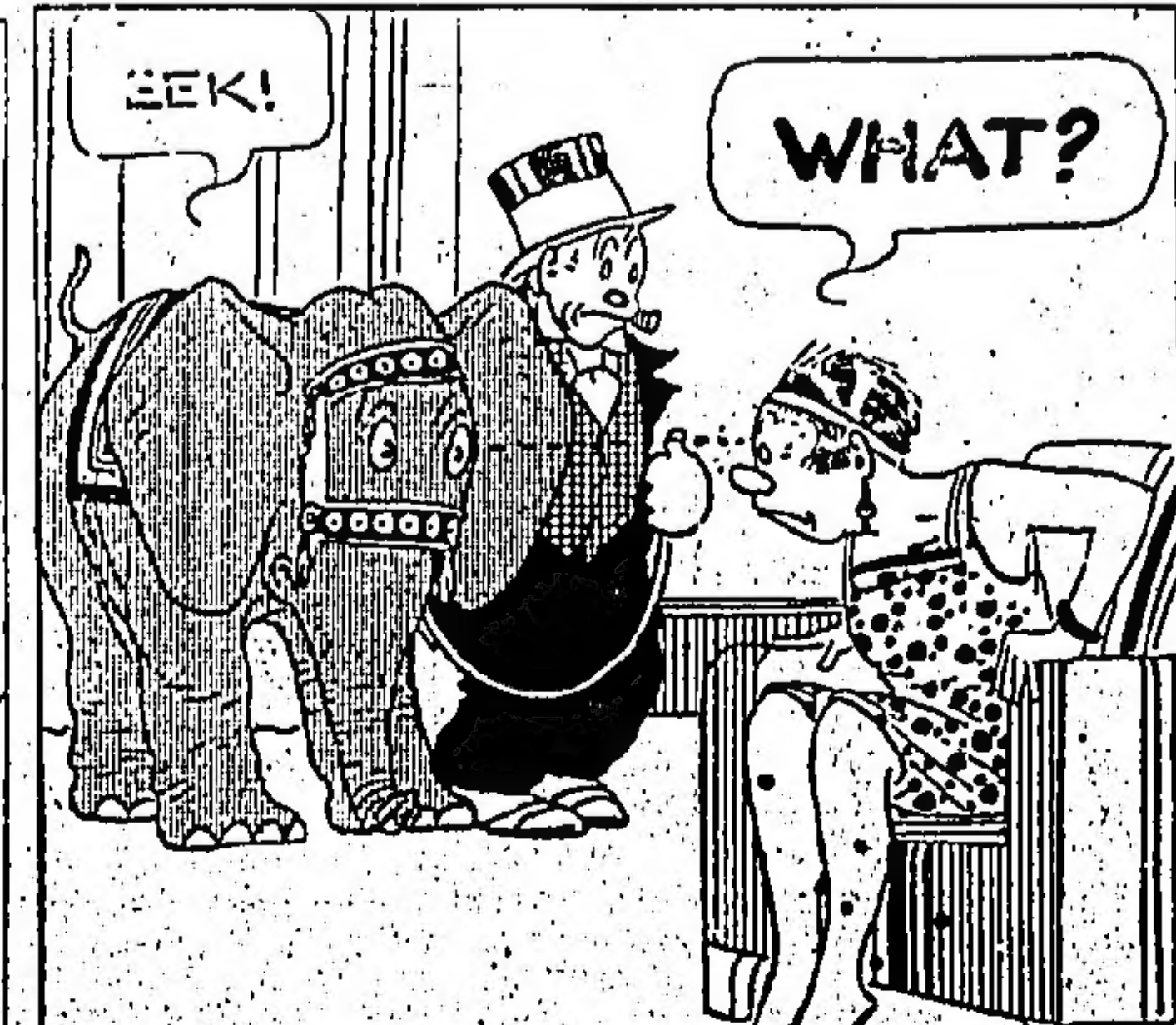
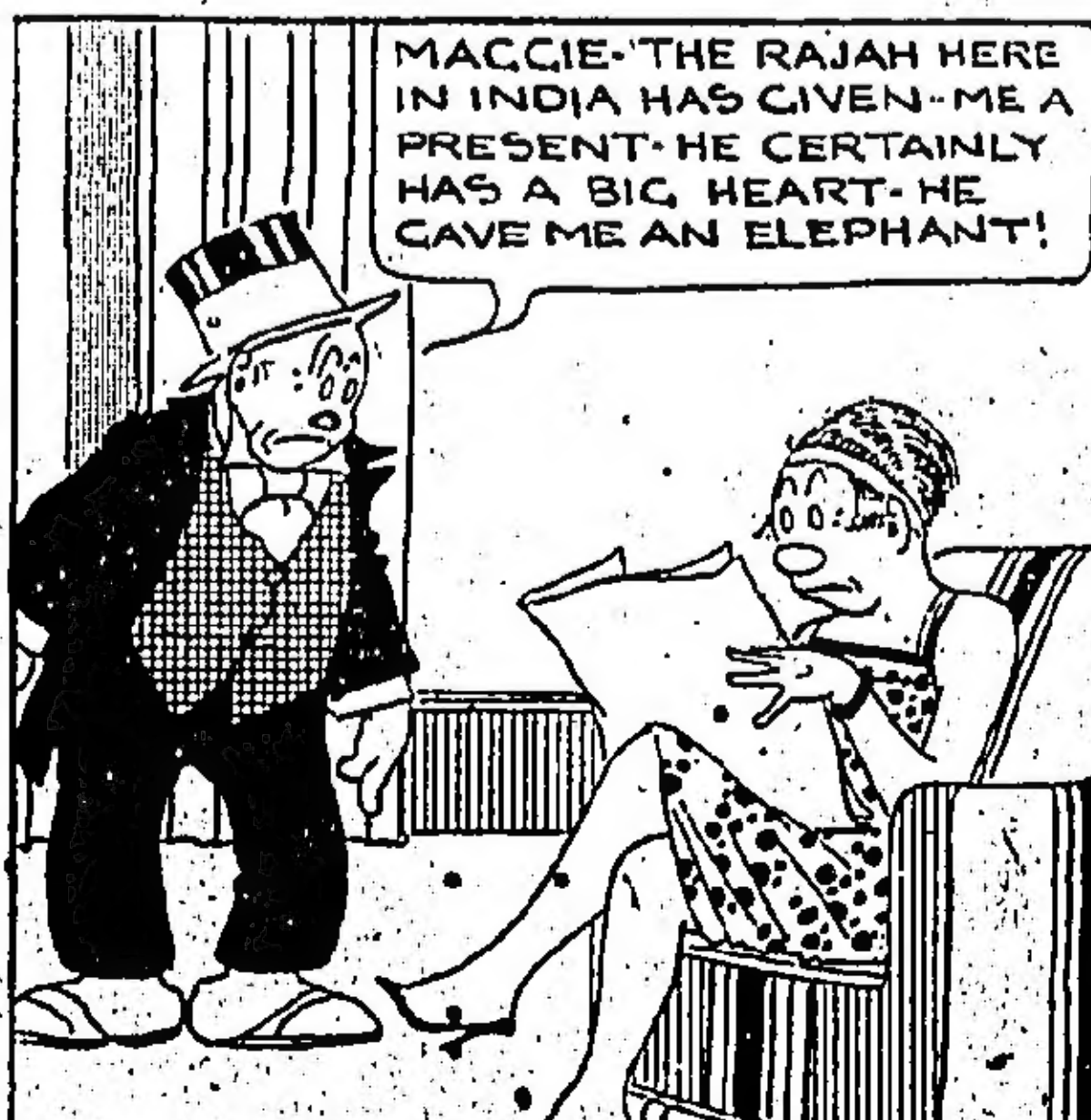
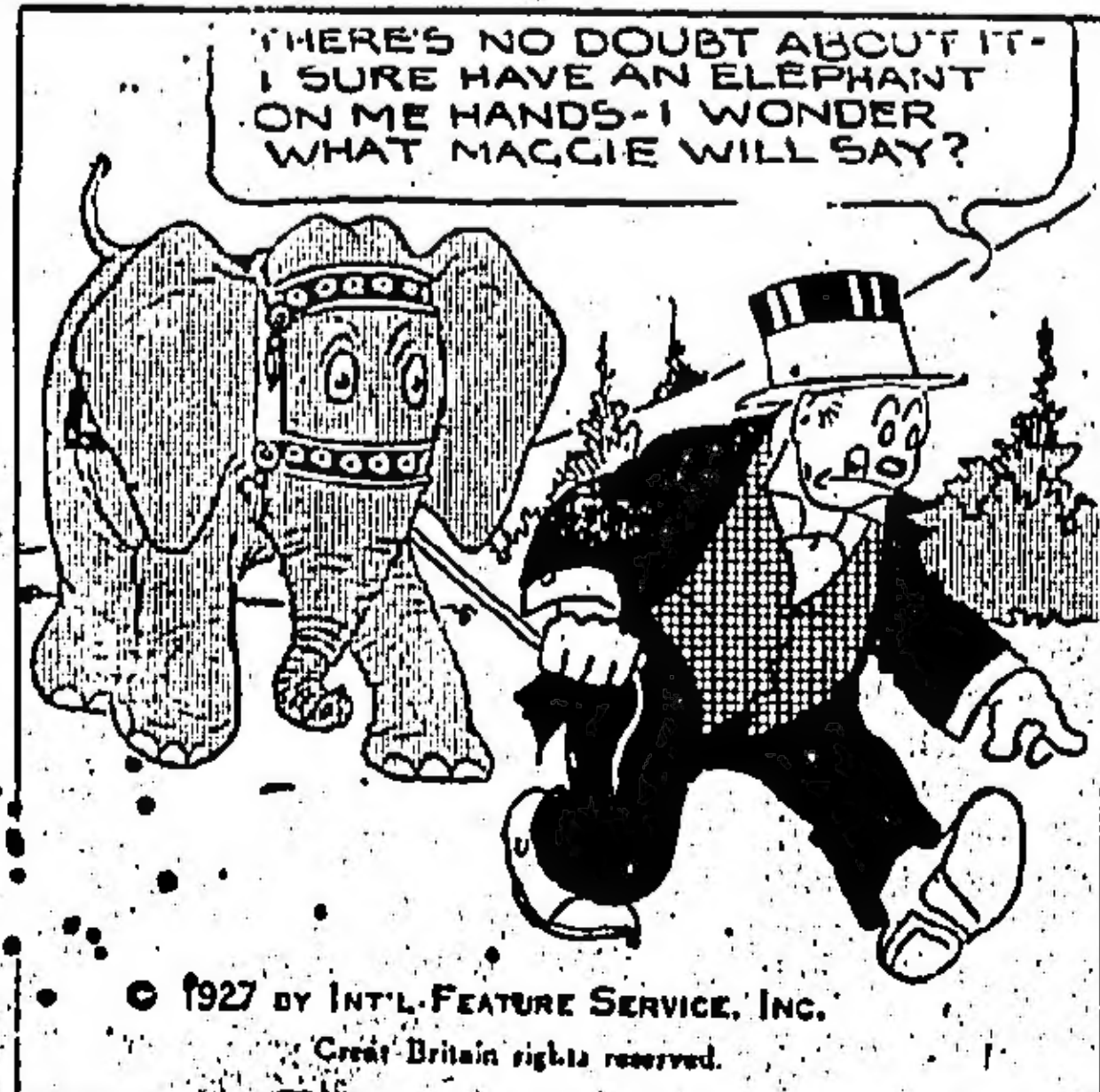
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

Sun rays acting on the vapour of a petrol cask caused a £300 farm fire at Newport Pagnell.

Within a few yards of one of the principal streets of Doncaster a thesaurist is hatching fourteen eggs.

A clergyman, who is a graduate of Cambridge and has a distinguished war record, is working as a conductor on the Cardiff tramways.

At least one M.P., Mr William Wright, the Socialist representative of Rutherglen, is to claim the Dunmow Flitch on Whit Monday.

King Alfonso of Spain has received more than 12,000 telegrams congratulating him on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his accession to the throne.

Larger exhibition areas in both London and Birmingham are to be provided for next year's British Industries Fair, which is to be held from February 20 to March 2.

The Cunard liner "Aquitania" with the completion of her hundredth voyage across the Atlantic from Southampton, has steamed almost exactly 1,000,000 miles, including her period of war service.

One of the oldest theatres in Turin, the Alfieri Theatre—was destroyed by fire, says a "Central News" (Rome) message. The damage is estimated at ten million lire.

Hallstorms in East and Mid Cheshire affected a number of May festivals and children in light clothing suffered greatly through the intense cold. Drenching rains stopped cricket, golf, and tennis matches.

Buyers of rabbit skins are showing unusual activity in the Ottago district, and are offering high prices, says a Wellington, New Zealand, correspondent. Some trappers are reported to be earning as much as £50 weekly.

Dr. Hideyo Noguchi, of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, announced to the American Medical Association on May 19 that he had isolated the germ of trachoma, an infectious disease of the eye.

A dealer in antiques at Wellingborough has exhibited for a week in his window a sovereign with a ticket pricing it at 2s. 6d. His shop was daily passed by hundreds of people. No inquiry for the coin having been made, the shopkeeper has now withdrawn it.

The marriage arranged last December between Major the Hon. F. A. Nicolson, son and heir of Lord Carnock, and Mrs. Cazenove will not take place.

Five hundred and sixty pounds was paid at Messrs. Sotheby's for an oil painting on panel, portrait of a lady, half-length, seated, by Parmigianino.

While watching Empire Day sports at Sydney, Nova Scotia, from the roof of a high building, a man fell on to a woman in the street and both were fatally injured.

Five million young eels for the re-stocking of German lakes and rivers have been imported from Epney, Gloucestershire, on the Severn, by the German Fisheries Association.

A crowd of well-wishers greeted Mr. Benning Arnold, said to be the world's oldest bowler, when he visited Alton, China bowling green, Bournemouth, on his 103rd birthday.



Princess Ingrid, of Sweden, the 17-year-old daughter of Crown Prince Gustav Adolph, who, it is rumoured, is about to become engaged to the Prince of Wales. Other rumours current that the Prince is to become engaged to the Infanta Beatrice, daughter of King Alfonso and Queen Victoria, of Spain, have been officially denied.

For causing unnecessary suffering to 2 cats and 5 kittens by not giving them proper attention, Lillian Firminger, an elderly woman, of Bitterne, Southampton, was fined £20.

Spain has granted a loan of 100,000,000 pesetas (about £3,500,000 at the current exchange rate) to Argentina, which has agreed to purchase two newly built Spanish destroyers.

Having contributed small weekly sums towards their own railway fares, about 2,000 children from Smethwick, near Birmingham, will visit Blackpool during the summer, accompanied by their teachers.

An increase of 1s. per 280lb. in the price of flour is announced by the London flour millers, who state that the official price of standard grade flour in the Home Counties is now 48s. per 280lb. or 6d. to 1s. less delivered within the London districts.

The coal output from the mines of Great Britain for the week ended May 14, when the number of wage earners was 1,031,500, amounted to 5,159,700 tons, compared with 5,072,700 tons in the previous week, in which the wage earners numbered 1,030,200.

Prizes of £5,000 to the first airman, and £2,000 to the second, who makes a non-stop flight from the United States coast to Hawaii (2,480 miles), before August 15 next, year have been offered by Mr. James Dole, of Hawaii.

When his aeroplane struck a railway signal and crashed into an embankment at Darnley-street, Pollokshields, Glasgow, Flying Officer Leonard Ernest Falla, attached Royal Air Force Reserve, was found to be practically uninjured, and his first remark was to ask for a cigarette.

A special new type of non-corrodible Sheffield steel, stated Mr. S. A. Main, of the Hadfield Research Laboratories, Sheffield, in a paper read before the Institution of Aeronautical Engineers in London, has been used for reinforcements in the restoration of St. Paul's Cathedral.

The Automobile Association announces that telegrams may now be sent by motorists from the A.A. roadside boxes, which are all equipped with telephones. When a member dictates his telegram to the nearest telephone exchange and ascertains the cost of transmission, he is requested to leave the amount charged in a box provided for the purpose.

Two young children, aged three and four, were suddenly taken ill when playing in a meadow, says a Cologne message. According to their playmates they had plucked some dandelions and sucked the white sap out of the stems. Although they rushed to the doctor he was unable to counteract the effects of the poison, and the children died in agony.

Considerable exploration of lead deposits is being carried out in Ontario. Fifteen miles west of Sudbury—which supplies 90 per cent. of the world's output of nickel—a company has done 60,000 feet of diamond drilling over a zone of four miles in length. Considerable ore has been located, which contains lead and zinc in almost equal proportions, besides values in gold and silver.

Mrs. F. C. Elliott-Lynn and Lady Bailey, wife of Sir Abe Bailey, established an altitude record for light aeroplanes at Hamble, near Southampton, on May 19. Their machine was an Avro-Avian. Mrs. Elliott-Lynn was pilot and Lady Bailey carried a sealed altograph to record the altitude. They remained in the air for two hours 33 minutes 35 seconds, and reached a height of 16,000 feet.

The corridors and reception rooms at No. 10 Downing Street, London, were filled with Salvation Army lassies in their bonnets and uniforms when Mrs. Stanley Baldwin held a reception to help the women's social work of the Army. Princess Mary was present, and listened with interest to addresses by Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Catherine Booth, Mrs. Philip Snowden, and Dame Madge Kendal.

Sir Chas. Nugent, Bart., the well-known race-horse trainer, died at Lambourn, aged 80. Born at Delvin, Co. Westmeath, he was the fifth baronet, and a Count of the Holy Roman Empire. In his early years he was an officer in the Lancs, and was regarded as a fearless and daring horseman. The feat of which he was most proud was the riding of five winners in one afternoon at a Streatam race meeting.

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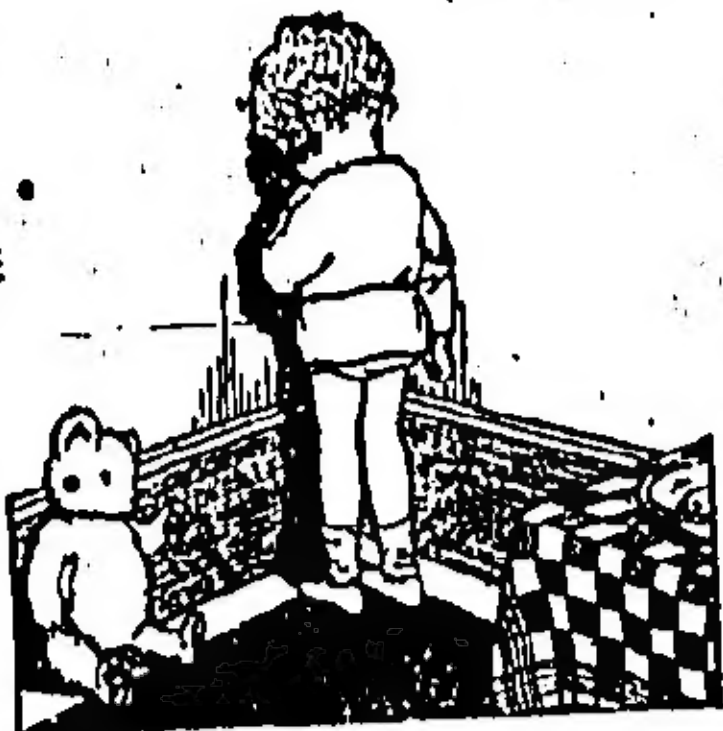
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FRIDAY, JULY 8
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SUNDAY, JULY 10
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai President Lincoln.

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SUNDAY, JULY 3
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow 9 a.m. Hai Ning.
"Swatow" & Amoy & Formosa 9 a.m. Hozan Maru.
"Swatow" & Bangkok 9 a.m. Kalgan.

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ILLEGAL STRIKES.

Attorney General on New Legislation.

THE WORKERS' INTERESTS.

Far-reaching alterations in the local law regarding strikes and lock-outs were foreshadowed in the course of the speech of the Attorney-General, Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council.

Sir Joseph moved the first reading of an Ordinance to declare and amend the law relating to illegal strikes and lock-outs, to amend the law relating to intimidation and to breaches of contracts of service in special cases, to promote the independence of Trade Unions established within the Colony and for purposes connected with the aforesaid purposes.

The Bill had three main objects, said Sir Joseph, the first being to clear and slightly to amend the law relating to certain illegal strikes and lock-outs, the second to prevent intimidation in the course of industrial disputes, and the third to prevent Hong Kong Trade Unions from being under the dominance of Trade Unions or other organisations outside the Colony.

In attempting to carry out the first object, the Bill followed very closely the provisions of the Trades Disputes and Trade Unions Bill at present before Parliament in England. Regarding the second object, the Bill was founded partly on English legislation dating back to 1875 and partly on some amendments of that old legislation which were being made in the Bill now before Parliament.

Striking Out New Line.
Regarding the third object, the Bill struck out on a new line. Various amendments had been proposed in the Bill and it was intended to move some of them in Committee next week. It was hoped to publish a Bill showing these proposed amendments in the "Gazette" appearing this week, but he would refer to the nature of the amendments in the course of his present remarks, indicated the Attorney-General.

Sir Joseph referred to the section declaring any strike illegal which had as its object the furtherance of a trade dispute other than the trade or industry in which the strikers were engaged, or any strike designed or calculated to coerce the Government or inflict hardship on the community.

With regard to a similar declaration dealing with lock-outs, the view taken by the Government in England was that this section was declaratory, i.e. it did not amend the law or impose any liabilities that did not exist before. What was declared to be an offence in this section was already an offence in common law.

This declaratory section did not make sympathetic strikes as such illegal. It was quite possible at present to have a perfectly legal sympathetic strike and would still be after this Bill became law. There were two requirements necessary for a strike to be illegal under the proposed declaration—firstly, the strikers must have some object other than or in addition to the furtherance of a trade dispute in the trade in which the strikers were engaged, and secondly, it must be a strike designed or calculated (i.e. deliberately intended, or calculated) to coerce the Government directly or by inflicting hardship on the community.

It could safely be said, added Sir Joseph, that no genuine industrial or trade dispute yet experienced in Hong Kong would come within this section. Strikes which would have come within it were strikes not genuinely industrial at all but strikes which were influenced by political, anti-imperialistic and Communist motives and ideals.

In The Workers' Interests.
The Bill, it was emphasised, did not interfere with genuine industrial strikes but was intended to better the conditions of the workers and to render more clearly illegal strikes not genuine industrial strikes, at all but strikes which were political and Communist and strikes which did not confine themselves to ordinary industrial pressure but sought to achieve their ends by coercion of the Government.

Most of section 5 of the Bill was based on what had been law in England since 1875, continued the Attorney-General, and what was new was taken from the Bill at present before the English Parliament. Clause 6 dealt with subsidiary objects of the legislation and made it an offence to break the contract of service by "lightning" strikes in certain special cases—such as the electric current, gas, water, public tramways, bus, public ferries, telephone and Sanitary services.

"Illegal and Criminal."
The section also covered all persons engaged under the Crown. In

those cases, the breaking of a contract of service was made illegal and criminal, for the person who broke it must know or had reasonable cause to believe that the probable consequences of his action would, failing the adoption of extraordinary measures, be to hinder the discharge of the functions of the Government or to deprive the inhabitants of the Colony of essential services.

Clause 7 of the Bill was intended to prevent Hong Kong Trade Unions from being dominated by Trade Unions or other organisations outside the Colony. "Past experience has taught us how necessary this legislation is," commented the Attorney-General. The Bill provided that no Trade Union in the Colony should affiliate or be connected with an organisation outside the Colony in such a manner as to place the Trade Union within the Colony (or its members) under the control of the organisation outside the Colony.

After the present Bill had been drafted, continued the Attorney-General, it was pointed out that a certain time elapsed between the coming into effect of the Ordinance and the consent which might be applied for under sub-clause 1 and which might take some considerable time before it could be granted. It had been pointed out in cases of the kind, consent might be given almost at once, and yet in the interval of the coming into effect of the Ordinance and the granting of consent, the Union in question would have been an illegal one and all the acts and contracts might be technically illegal.

Retrospective Powers.
In consideration of this, a sub-section had been introduced as follows: "Any consent of the Governor in Council under the provisions of sub-section 1 may be made retrospective in effect to which date the Governor in Council shall think fit."

It had also been pointed out that sub-clauses now appearing as 5 and 6 should in the same way be defined so as not to apply to cases where consent had been given. It was therefore proposed to add the following clause: "The provisions of sub-sections 5 and 7 shall not apply to any direction or notice issued or given on behalf of or in the name of any Trade Union established outside the Colony to the members of any Trade Union which is established in the Colony if the Trade Union which is established in the Colony is, with the consent of the Governor in Council, affiliated or connected with Trade Unions or organisations outside the Colony."

Clause 8 carried out another subsidiary service of the Bill in prohibiting the use of Trade Unions funds for political purposes outside the Colony. It was proposed to add in Committee the words "no prosecution of any offence under sections 3, 7 or 8 shall be commenced without the sanction of the Attorney-General."

"LEUNG KWONG" BODIES.

Eight bodies were yesterday picked up on the foreshore at Cheung Chau Island yesterday and taken to the public mortuary. They were in too advanced a stage of decomposition to be identified, but are believed to be the remains of victims of the "Leung Kwong" disaster.

NAVAL OFFICER ROBBED.

Lieut.-Comdr. Cross of H.M.S. "Marazion" had a gold watch and chain worth \$250 stolen from his cabin yesterday. The property was in the usual place at 8 a.m. and was missed at 1 p.m.

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THREE LIFEBOATS ADRIFT.

The ship which foundered on a reef in the China Sea, between Coochin China and N.W. Borneo is the s.s. "Saint Françoise Xavier" (not the s.s. "Figulig" as previously reported).

Prior to the arrival of the China Navigation s.s. "Kiangau" and the Blue Funnel s.s. "Dolius" certain of the passengers had elected to take to the lifeboats owing to the rapidity with which the distressed vessel was breaking up.

A naval wireless message received this morning states that the s.s. "Dolius" arrived in time to take the remaining passengers and crew from on board the ill-fated vessel which it is thought will shortly go down.

Three lifeboats are adrift with the passengers who left earlier and ships in the neighbourhood of 8.50 N. 112.15 E. are asked to keep a look-out for them.

The s.s. "Françoise Xavier" is a French steel steamer of 2,017 gross tonnage owned by the Compagnie Navale de l'Orient and carrying passengers and cargo between Noumea, France (its port of registry) and Haiphong (Indo-China). It left France on the outward voyage at the end of May.

From further messages, it appears that all passengers have been saved.
The ship has been abandoned.

SEIZED ON ROAD.

BRICK WORKS FOKI HELD UP IN DAYLIGHT.

An earth coolie foreman employed at the Brick Factory at Aberdeen was the victim of a highway robbery yesterday afternoon. He was returning from the brick works to Aberdeen village at 5.40 p.m., when he was seized by three men who suddenly rushed out from behind some bushes 20 yards from the main road. The highwaymen carried their victim 20 yards up the hillside, and there searched his person and relieved him of \$89.10. Before running away, one of the robbers produced a penknife with which he ripped one of the foreman's coat sleeves, slightly wounding the wrist. Of the stolen money \$54.10 was money entrusted to the foreman to pay some earth coolies.

DOG BITES DETECTIVE.

A Chinese detective named Tee Yek while assisting in the execution of a search warrant in Queen's Road Central yesterday afternoon, was bitten in the leg by a mongrel dog belonging to an Indian. He went to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment. The dog was taken to Kennedy Town for observation.

KOWLOON MOTOR ACCIDENT.

While Mr. G. A. Walker of the Kowloon-Canton Railway was backing his motor car yesterday afternoon, a Chinese who happened to pass behind the car was knocked down. One of the back wheels of the car passed over the coolie's right foot. The injured man was taken to the hospital for treatment.

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